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Prayers

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One-Minute Prayers for Busy Families

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, so that by
the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

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For Jack and Kendall and Sophie and Sam.



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Introduction

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

One of my good friends says short “thank You, Jesus” prayers continually throughout her day. She doesn’t miss a beat. Every little thing and big thing in her life is lifted up in prayer. When I first learned of her practice, I was delighted by her faith and, I confess, chagrined that I didn’t have the same kind of prayer life. To be sure, I have had the habit of regular bedtime prayer since I was a very young child. I pray when I’m troubled, when I’m happy, and for others who are in need. I rejoice in the opportunity to join with my brothers and sisters in Christ in corporate prayer during the worship service. But until that long-ago conversation with my friend, I seldom thought to pray before I set out on my daily commute, for example, or when I arrived home at the end of the day.





SCHOOL

First Day—Dear Jesus, it's the first day of a new school year. I am excited and a little worried. I ask that You guide me and bless me on this day and in the year ahead. Bless the teachers and the other students in my class. Bless all the other workers at my school, those who work in the cafeteria and office, those who drive buses, and those who work to keep the school clean and safe. May I honor You in my thoughts, words, and actions. May I reflect Your love for others and show mercy in Your name. Amen.

Last Day—Dear God, it's the last day of school for this year, and I want to celebrate! It's a relief to get to this day, but it's also a little sad. Today I'll say good-bye to some people and "see you later" to others. The whole summer is ahead, but for today, I'm looking back at the school year I just finished. Thank You, God, for the year of learning and growing. Thank You for all the fun I had with my friends. Thank You for the opportunities I had to discover and explore new things. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



For Teachers, Staff, and School—Dear Lord God, it's by Your mercy and provision that we can come to You with prayers about teachers, school staff, and all the students at ____ school. We ask that You make ____ a good place to learn and a safe place to be. Bless all the teachers and staff at the school. Bless all the students there too. May we all have the desire to learn and grow as You would have us. May we all resist temptation to do wrong things. May we all give You glory in what we say and do. Please send Your Holy Spirit to keep us faithful to You throughout all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Before a Test (Confident)—Heavenly Father, I've learned a lot and studied hard. I'm ready. When I take my test today, I ask that You help me concentrate and remember all that I've learned so I can do well. Help me always to remember that I can do all things through Jesus, who strengthens me. In His name I pray. Amen.

Before a Test (Nervous)—Lord God, I've tried very hard to learn and I have tried to understand the lessons. I'm still nervous about it, however. I'm not sure



I'm ready to take this test today. When test time comes, help me to stay calm and rely on You for courage and strength. Even if I don't do well, please help me to remember that because of Jesus, You love me no matter what. There's nothing on this earth that can separate me from Him. I pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Report Cards (Confident)—Dear Lord God, it's report card day, and I'm excited. I think I got good grades. Please help me to remember that You gave me everything I have and everything I need. You gave me my abilities and my intellect, my eyes, ears, and all my senses. May I always give You honor and glory in everything I do and say and think. Thank You, God. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Report Cards (Nervous)—Heavenly Father, it's report card day, and I'm nervous. I'm not sure that I did all that well. In fact, I think I might have some bad grades. Please help me to try to do better next time. Help me always to remember that my real value comes because of what Jesus has done for me. I am forgiven because



of Jesus. I am saved because of Jesus. I will have eternal life because of Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

Before School Care—Dear God, our day starts early, even before school starts. Keep us safe as we begin our day. Bless us in all we do and say. Bless those who work at day care. Keep us all in Your loving mercy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

After School Care—Dear Lord, thank You for the people who take care of us after school. Now that we have ended our day, we ask that You bless our journey home and our evening together. Keep us safe as we drive. Please send Your Holy Spirit, that we may be ever faithful to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Do I Have to Go to School Today?—Lord God, heavenly Father, I don't want to go to school today. I would rather stay home and play or go somewhere else, anywhere else but school. I know that isn't an option. I know that I have to go to school—but I still don't want to. So, God, I'm asking You to change my heart so I will appreciate school. Help me to like learning. Help me



to understand that going to school is the special job You have in mind for me right now. Please bless me at school today, Lord. I really need it. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Homework—Dear Jesus, it's the end of the day and we're ready to go home, and that means it's homework time. I know that I have to focus. Help me to resist distractions so I can do the best job that I'm able to do. Help me to learn with pleasure so I can honor my teacher and respect [his or her] efforts. Help me to honor You and serve You in all that I do. Amen.

Trouble with the Teacher—Heavenly Father, I'm pretty sure my teacher doesn't like me. Well, at least I think so. [He or she] always seems mad and sometimes says things that make me feel bad. Help me to remember that being a teacher isn't always easy. Help me to do my best at school and to behave the right way. Please help me to remember that You love everyone, even when I'm not feeling friendly toward [him or her]. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

