HOMESCHOOL COMPANION



"THIS KIND CAN ONLY COME OUT BY PRAYER." MARK 9:29

EXPLORING THE POWER OF PRAYER

Prayer is our most powerful tool, and we need to use it!

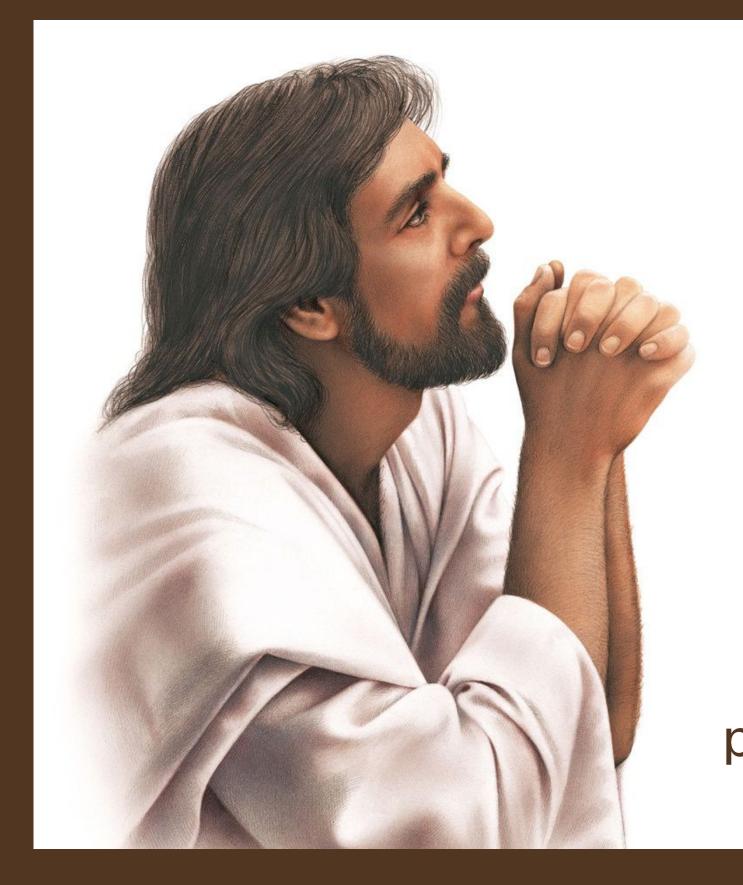


Praying must be a big deal the Bible discusses it a lot.

Just look at Jesus, who is one with God.

But He escaped from the people to pray!

If anyone was close to God while doing things, it was Jesus! Yet Jesus left the crowds and got away to talk with God, fill up, and lay down His burdens.



And if Jesus, who had a hectic schedule and his Father on speed dial, made a point of getting away to pray, then we better do it, too.

AS CHRISTIAN TEACHERS, WE'VE GOT A LOT TO PRAY ABOUT!

You can read every classroom management book, blog, and study you can get your hands on. But, really, prayer is what changes hearts, behaviors, and attitudes.

We can say with 100% certainty, the only reason we're good teachers is because we pray — and we pray a lot!



We pray for our students and their lessons.

We pray for favor and strong relationships.

We pray for our classrooms, our lesson plans, and our fellow teachers.



PRAYERS FOR STUDENTS

Pray for your students by name.

Pray for their hurts, hearts, and situations because they desperately need it!

They'll never know, but your Father hears you. And prayer plants something in us, too.

Every time, without fail, I've found that when I have prayed for that kid who makes my job really hard, who I'd rather they were in someone else's class, **my** heart changes.

It's so weird, but when I pray for them, I start to like them.

Teaching is too hard, NOT to pray!

And when we like our students, they usually like us back. The unlovable kid who makes your job so hard, the one you wish was someone else's problem, more often than not, becomes the kid with whom you develop a great relationship.

And we can't take credit for it...At all!

THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF PRAYER



Sometimes, no matter what we try:
new seating arrangements, parent
conferences, phone calls home, building
relationships, behavior contracts, or
detentions—

It doesn't matter!



Sometimes, it doesn't matter what we give: encouragement, lunch money, a quiet place to escape at lunch, a kind word, a high five...



Sometimes, the only thing we can do for our students is – pray.

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Who's on your heart? Lift them up!



What are your needs?
Bring them to Jesus!



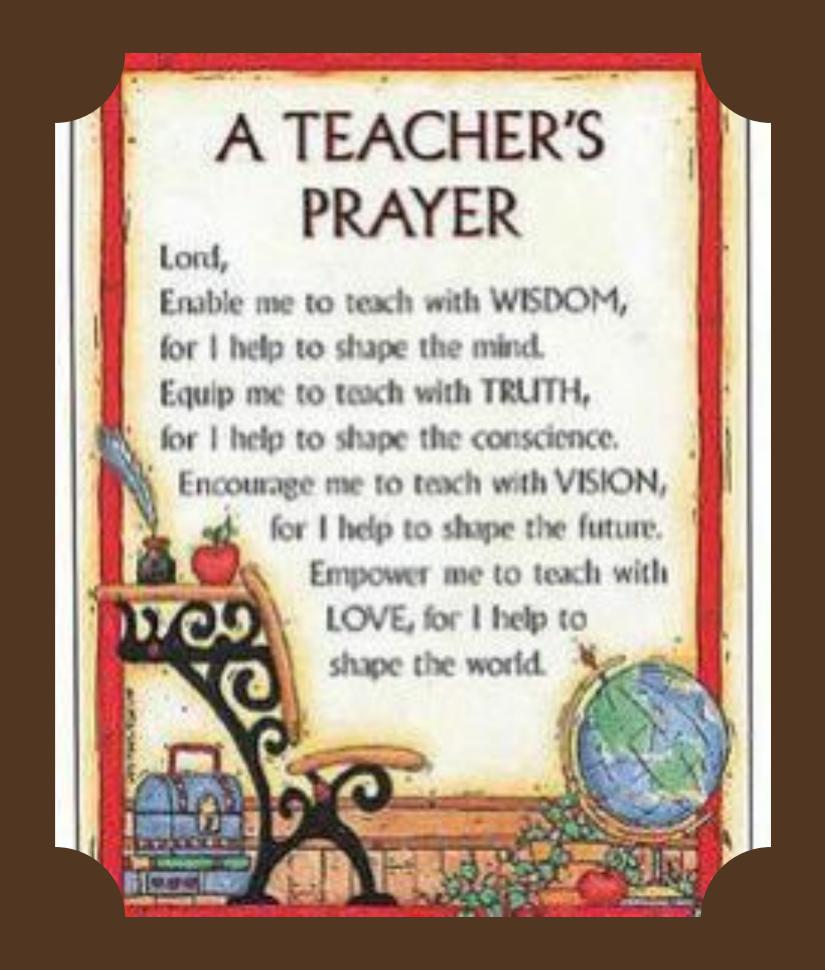
Think about ways to strategize and pray for our students... and do it!

A PRAYER STRATEGY HELPS US TO BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT PRAYING FOR OUR STUDENTS.

Some teachers keep a class list on their fridge and pray for their students during breakfast.

Others commit to praying for students during their morning commute or while entering their grades into the grade book.

When will you pray?





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Thank you for praying