

PRAY FOR AMERICA'S EDUCATION SYSTEMS!

*“All your children shall be taught by the Lord,
and great shall be the peace of your children.*

Isaiah 54:13

A New Day in America's Education Systems

We celebrate the amazing, hard-fought victory in Texas this past week, requiring the Bible to now be mandatory reading and instructional material for education from Kindergarten through high school.

We contend for this to spread throughout America, as part of restoring our Covenant with God; giving our children a hope for a life that is fulfilling and enables them to fulfill their God purpose; creating strong, healthy and happy adults that strengthen America as a true Covenant nation under God. Amen and Amen.

Let Us Pray Together...

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You today as your Intercessors, standing in the gap for all the school-age children in America, standing in the gap for all of the education systems in America, to pray for the spread of the victories that just transpired in Texas, where the Bible has now been declared mandatory reading and instructional material for Kindergarten through high school. Praise You God for this amazing victory!

Heavenly Father God, we declare that no weapon formed against the institution of this new law shall prosper; and ask You to release your legions of warring angels to stop any and all plans, parties and operations set against it. Let the institution of this new law be

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immediate and swift, complete and thorough throughout all of Texas. And may this be the template for other states to replicate.

We lift up to you all the State School Boards, and ask You to fill them will all and only godly and God-fearing men and women, that they will do all and only Your Will regarding the curriculum for students across America, Kindergarten through high school, as well as colleges and universities; that the Bible will be mandatory reading and instructional material for all public schools across America, Kindergarten through high school.

We loose a Zechariah 2:5 wall of Holy Fire hedge of protection around these godly State School Board members, that no weapon formed against them shall prosper, no weapon formed against them doing Your Will shall prosper. We speak dead in the water to all attempts to stop this move of God in our American curriculum.

Heavenly Father God, we come before You to contend for the other 49 states in our Union, that this law in Texas will spread quickly across our lands and become the educational standard for America. That children will now learn moral right from wrong; will develop good and godly character; including respecting and honoring their parents, teachers, fellow students and fellow Americans; that they will grow up into God-loving, God-fearing, God-serving men and women who will fulfill their God vocations with joy and deep fulfillment, prospering themselves and others.

For Jesus directs in Matthew 18:10, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven."

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Train Them Up!

- ◆ Dear Father God, throughout your Word You exhort parents to teach their children of You, of Your Commandments, to love You and to serve You. God forgive us as a nation for failing to do so adequately. God forgive us for all the times and ways we have gotten lax, even completely neglectful, of our children's spiritual education, spiritual life and spiritual well-being. We repent and ask for your forgiveness.
- ◆ For truly your Word shows that children can comprehend your Word and it is necessary for children to learn your Word, as Joshua 8:35 says: *"There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, **and the little ones**, and the sojourners who lived among them."*
- ◆ Psalm 78:5 affirms that we are called to spiritually educate our children: *"He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which **he commanded our fathers to teach to their children.**"*
- ◆ Lord God, forgive us for the failures of our country to teach our children the most basic moral values, respecting their parents and honoring your Sabbath. As Leviticus 19:3 instructs: *"Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God."*
- ◆ Deuteronomy 4:9 reminds parents of their duty to spiritually educate their own children: *"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. **Make them known to your children and your children's children.**"*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, we repent for neglecting to teach our children the importance of cultivating humility and purity. For in Matthew 18:2-6, Jesus teaches: *"And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of*

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them and said, 'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.'"

- ◆ Father God, convict parents, as the first and foremost spiritual teachers of their children, to teach their children Ephesians 6:1-4 which echoes Exodus 20:12: "*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.'* Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."
- ◆ Lord God, this passage tells us that honoring our father and mother is foundational for a healthy and prospering nation.

Love the Lord Your God

- ◆ Dear Lord God, your most important Commandments are about love, to love You, *to serve the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord,* according to Deuteronomy 10:12-13. We lift up to You the parents of all children and youth across America, that they will truly instill in their children, a LOVE for You. Genuine love.
- ◆ As Deuteronomy 6:4-7 instructs: "*The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today*

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*shall be on your heart. **You shall teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”*

- ◆ We pray Lord God, that all school-age children across America will be instilled with and filled with a true and abiding love for You, that they will know your Heart, that You will send Jesus Christ to each of them; according to John 6:44, *“No man can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him: and I will raise him up in the Last Day.”*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, we see from 2 Chronicles 34:1-3 that even children can discern and serve You: *“Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father; and he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. For in the eighth year of his reign, **while he was yet a boy, he began to seek the God of David his father**, and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the carved and the metal images.”*
- ◆ Lord God, we repent for not holding our children to a high enough standard, for coddling them, for spoiling them and making them weak as a result. Heavenly Father, forgive us for the ways the Church, the Ekklesia, have let down our children, not required enough of them, not spiritually equipped them the way we should have, the way You have called us to do so.
- ◆ Proverbs 22:15 admonishes: *“Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.”* We repent, Lord God, for the lack of sufficient and right discipline of our children and youth; how it has contributed to their lack of love, fear and reverence for You, for their own parents; and for their fellow loved ones, neighbors and citizens.

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- ◆ We pray Proverbs 3:1 over all of America's children and youth: "*My son, do not forget my teaching, but **let your heart keep my commandments.***"

Teach Fear of the Lord

- ◆ Dear Lord God Heavenly Father, the education of our children begins at home, continues through the Church and through their formal schooling. Fear of the Lord is a healthy respect for your awe and superior authority over our life, as the Giver of our life. We ask You to instill a healthy "fear of the Lord" in today's children and youth, that it will be the food that feeds their character to strengthen and grow them in noble, godly virtues.
- ◆ As Deuteronomy 4:10 affirms: "*How on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and **that they may teach their children so.***'"
- ◆ Dear Lord God Adonai, the Proverbs shows us the connection between 'fear of the Lord' and one of the goals of true education, which is both knowledge and wisdom. Proverbs 1:7 says: "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.*"
- ◆ And Proverbs 9:10 affirms: "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*" Father God, a godly nation must be populated by people of wisdom, not just filled with information. We pray this over America now.

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- ◆ Psalm 34:11 affirms that God wants children and youth to receive the benefits that come from a healthy fear of the Lord: *“Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.”*

The Goal of Education

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, when we truly become enlightened to the depth of Your Word, we see that the goal of true education of children is to bring them into the kingdom of heaven; to bring them the education, tools and support to have the kingdom of heaven living within them, on earth as it is in Heaven.
- ◆ As Matthew 19:14 and Luke 18:16-17 teaches: *“But Jesus called them to him, saying, ‘Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for **to such belongs the kingdom of God.** Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”*
- ◆ Psalm 8:2 says that nothing of You is kept from your children: *“From the mouths of children and infants You have ordained praise on account of Your adversaries, to silence the enemy and avenger.”*
- ◆ And Jesus proclaimed and affirmed this Word from Psalms in Matthew 21:15-16, *“But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’ they were indignant, and they said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ And Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?”’”*
- ◆ Lord God, let all parents in America be convicted of Your instruction in Proverbs 22:6, *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”*

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- ◆ Loving Father God, we pray Psalm 139:13–16 over all the children and youth in our country, that they will know how precious they are to You. *“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”*

SEALING PRAYER:

We commit LORD God Adonai:

*We shall therefore lay up these words of Yours
in our heart and in our soul,
and we shall bind them as a sign on our hand,
and they shall be as frontlets between our eyes.
We shall teach them to our children,
talking of them when we are sitting in our house,
and when we are walking by the way,
and when we lie down, and when we arise.
We shall write them on the doorposts of our house
and on our gates, that our days
and the days of our children
may be multiplied in the land
that the Lord swore to our fathers to give them,
as long as the heavens are above the earth.
For if we will be careful to do all this commandment*

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*that You command us to do,
loving the Lord our God,
walking in all Your ways, and holding fast to You,
then You, the Lord God,
will drive out all these nations before us,
[out of America]
and we will dispossess nations
greater and mightier than us.
Every place on which the sole of our feet treads
shall be ours.*

Amen and Amen.

Deuteronomy 11:18-24