

Resource Article

Seven Prayers for You

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You just taught the first lesson in this curriculum. How do you feel? Excited? Unsure? Know that you are not alone. With God's help, you are making a difference in a child's life today. And, as this child grows to maturity, he will follow Jesus because you cared enough to show God's love in situations where love was hard or even humanly impossible.

As you saw in the first lesson, God created an amazing world in 6 days and then rested on the 7th. Just as God approached each day with purpose and intention, you are invited to pray a special prayer for each child over the next 7 days to help you realize your very special purpose and God's wonderful intentions for you and the children. We join you in these prayers. Although they are written to be prayed for a single child, you can always pray them for a group of children. You can say these prayers if you see the children daily in an orphanage or if you only see your children once a week in a Sunday School class.

Seven Prayers for Teachers

Monday

Lord Jesus, You know each child and each individual need. Please give me the wisdom I will need today to begin to meet those needs. May my attitudes and actions reflect Your heart today. Thank you for promising to be with me in every situation. When I encounter challenges, give me Your wisdom and guidance to respond in ways that honor You. In Your holy name, amen.

Tuesday

Heavenly Father, You know me, my gifts, my limitations, and my weaknesses. May Your strength flow through me. I do not want to do anything in my own strength. Without Your help, I will fail. When I am weary or lose patience with a child, give me strength and understanding. I do not want any child You have put into my care to ever doubt that I want to be filled with Your love. I am here because I love children, and, more importantly, because You love me. Thank you for calling me to minister to this child. In Jesus' name, amen.

Wednesday

Holy Father, Help me to be faithful to You and You alone. I want this child to know that I am serious about following You. If I do anything that causes her to doubt, point it out to me, and help me change. I know You have a special place in Your heart for the fatherless and the hurting. You feel their pain. Bring healing where it is needed. You know when a child is feeling rejected. Use me to help her know that You, the loving Father, will never reject her. You know the chaos in her past. Bring peace and security into this young life. Grant me the ability to love deeply, even if I may not find this child likeable. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thursday

Lord Jesus, You always went ahead of Your disciples when You were on the earth. I pray that You will go ahead of me. Prepare the way before me this week. Help me remember that You are right there with me when things do not go exactly the way I plan. You have a bigger plan than I can see. You