

# Prayer Partners

FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Truth:78



“How joyful is the prosperity that comes flying on the wings of prayer.”  
(Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening*, Sept 19)

Dear Partner in Prayer,

This quote from Charles Spurgeon speaks of a joyful prosperity that comes as we pray. This we know to be God’s eternal fruit that is produced in the good soil of a heart that receives His Word. As we begin a new year, I invite you to join our team in praying for ministry leaders, teachers, parents, and

all those who have influence as they impart God's powerful Word to the young people in their lives.

In his book, *Truth for All Time*, John Calvin reminds us: "Our merciful Father has not only commanded us to pray and exhorted us to seek him in all circumstances. But as he sees that we still do not know what we have to ask, and what we stand in need of, he has decided to help us in this ignorance and has himself supplied what we are lacking. Through his kindness, therefore, we receive remarkable strengthening, in that He makes us pray, as it were, with His own mouth. This being so, we clearly will not ask for anything unreasonable, odd or out of place."

I was recently encouraged to hear a colleague's testimony of God's strengthening and provision through prayer:

About 8 years ago, I was going through some very hard times in life, dealing with the death of my mother and various other stressful things. By August of that summer, I crashed physically, losing all energy and strength and was not able to function in any way or even serve my family at home. I had to pull back from all ministry activities. It took four months of rest to recover - a very hard situation for someone like me who likes to work and be productive. By Christmas, I felt pretty good and decided to host our family for the holidays. Unfortunately, this was too much for me and I crashed again, becoming very fatigued and weak. I was so discouraged and upset as I had planned to go back to teaching Sunday school.

A week before my scheduled teaching time, I sat down with my teacher's manual and began to pray. I simply said, "Lord, you know I don't have strength right now and you know I want to begin teaching again and get back to normal life for my family's sake, too. Please strengthen me to be able to teach and serve next week because I can't do this apart from your hand on me."

I proceeded to open my lesson book. I turned to lesson #18 of "Faithful to All His Promises" and was overcome with emotion as I read the title, "God Will Give You Strength." I sat there thinking, "How good is God to speak so directly to me through a children's curriculum!" The

introduction was so encouraging: "because we feel our weaknesses so acutely, the thought that God is actively pursuing our good, eager to strengthen us, is amazing." With God's help I had the strength to teach the following Sunday and beyond.

If there is one thing I have learned over the years, it's that when we trust God, He will provide what we need. I then became thankful for those months of weakness and inability as the Lord taught me to depend on Him and showed me that He would provide at just the right time. So I praise God for strengthening my faith, helping me to trust during that time, and using this curriculum to bring such encouragement!"

Elaine, *Ottawa, Canada*

Here is a suggested prayer, inspired by Joshua 1:9:

Blessed be Your name, O Lord, forever! Thank You that You are our help and provider. In Your wisdom, You command Your children to be strong and courageous—strong in the strength of Your might and courageous because You are working all things for the good of those who love You.

We pray for ministry workers, teachers, parents and all those who have influence in imparting truth to the next generation in churches and homes around the world. Lord, in Your mercy, equip Your people to be strong and courageous in proclaiming Your Truth. Help them to not be frightened of adverse circumstances, but to cast all their cares on You, the faithful One. May Your name be glorified in all the earth.

We pray that You will raise up thousands of people who believe in You, treasure You, and are filled with Your Spirit—and in turn, proclaim Your glorious Truth to the next generation. Thank You for so many churches that faithfully proclaim Your Truth to the next generation and so many faithful teachers that You have raised up in the last few decades.

We pray that ministry leaders and parents all over the world will encourage one another, reminding one another that You, Lord, are with them wherever they go. For Your presence is surely our greatest joy and strength.

In the name of Jesus, our Mighty Savior, Amen.



Thank you for committing to pray for the next generation,

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*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*

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