

Being a student is an intense and life-changing experience. A person's understanding and comprehension is stretched. In addition, the learning of new skills and abilities takes great commitment and courage. Alongside this many students are living away from home and family for the first time, and are learning to live in new surroundings. Being a student can be an amazing time of new discovery and the forming of new friendships. But it can also be a time of struggling with study tasks, financial worries, loneliness, anxiety and despair. So prayer is essential, for prayer covers, contains, holds, protects, guides!

PRAYER FOR A STUDENT

Lord, we pray for the protection of (name).

We ask that you would guard their heart
and their mind in Christ Jesus.

That you would wrap them up in Your love,
And deliver them from all evil.

Lord, we pray that you would give (name)
great enthusiasm for their studies.

May you inspire them each and everyday.

May each seminar and class bring fresh inspiration to their work.

May each moment be filled
with the energy they need for their tasks.

Lord, we pray that (name) would know the hope
to which they are called.

That their life would be transformed by revelation from Heaven.

That You would inspire their direction
And gently lead them into their destiny.

Lord, we especially pray for (name's) friends at college.

May they come to know Your goodness and love,

To walk in Your freedom and grace

All the days of their life. Amen.

CHOOSING A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Heavenly Father, help me pick a college where I can learn in a safe environment. Guide me to the campus where I can both serve you in my calling as a student and grow in my faith. Give me wisdom when deciding on a future career and where to study for that. Help me not to be paralyzed by fear but to be emboldened by the promises in your Word about my future. **Amen.**

(Source: Crosswalk.com)

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW COLLEGE STUDENT

Dear Lord, I pray for my child who is starting a new college this year. I pray You will help them with the logistics of getting classes, meeting professors, setting up financial aid and getting moved into housing. Surround them with friends who will challenge them to walk more closely with You and guide them to a church where they can serve you while at college. Help them to work hard, to study well and to use this time to develop skills and gifts for Your purposes. As they encounter new challenges, help them love You with their whole heart. As they hear different philosophies, help them love you with their whole mind. As they are tempted in so many ways, help them love You with all their strength. Give them courage to follow hard after You and to glorify You where You've placed them. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

(Source: lisaappelo.com)

A PRAYER TO DISCERN GOD'S DIRECTION

Lord, I pray my child will have eyes to see You and ears to hear You as they navigate big decisions about their studies, college or career. Bring clarity and to their decisions and peace as they make them. Help them to seek Your will above their own. Help them to know the purpose You have for them. Help them to be patient as You reveal Your perfect will for them and help them to lean not on their own understanding but to trust You to make all of their paths straight. Help them discern when others are speaking wisdom from You. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

(Source: lisaappelo.com)

PRAYER TO BEGIN A NEW COLLEGE/SEMESTER

Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new semester, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you.

Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.

Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be place in your hands.

May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this semester.

We thank you, Lord. **Amen.**

(Source: www.marquette.edu)

PRAYER FOR A STUDENT

Heavenly Father, thank you that you have given me this season where I can take time to study and explore the things that I love. Lord, I offer you all that I am. During this time may I become all that you desire me to be.

Father, may your Holy Spirit be my guide each day as I study. I pray that you would help me focus on my research and help me apply myself to the assignments I am given. May I be a diligent, thorough, and conscientious student. Come open my mind to new possibilities and help me make original connections with the things that I learn.

Lord, come cover me now with your gracious wings of protection. Wherever I travel may I know that you go ahead of me, preparing the path and lighting a way. Thank you that your love is all about me and your everlasting arms enfold me.

Lord, I give to you the friendships I have with my fellow students and ask for your blessing to be upon them. May each one of my friends encounter your love and goodness in their lives.

Father, thank you for your presence right now. Thank you that you are with me in every moment of each day and that you walk with me always. Amen.

(Source: Julie Palmer 2021)

PRAYER TO HELP DISCERN GOOD AND MAKE SOUND DECISIONS

Heavenly Father,

With these prayers for discernment, let my spirit be filled with your wisdom, Lord God, and help me to be prudent and discern carefully and understand that obedience to your commandments is the primary goal of our human lives. In the midst of all temptations, help me to judge with wisdom so that I may not fall into temptation.

Enrich my senses and fill my heart with your righteous love and mercy. Listen to the voice of your servant, Lord, as I pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(Source: biblekeeper.com)

