

Pray for Schools – Easter Countdown 2021

Week 5: March 1st – 5th

Topic of the week: Teachers

Father, I pray that you may be at work in the lives of all the teachers at our schools.

Psalm 27

Of David.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked advance against me
to devour^a me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of
joy;

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Saviour.

¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.

¹³ I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

Day 1. "the Lord is my light and my salvation" (v.1)

Pray for Christian teachers as they face the challenges and joys, pressures and pleasures of teaching that they may always live in the light of their Lord and Saviour, secure in His salvation, without fear. May the light of their Lord shine through their lives to their colleagues, students and parents.

Day 2. "in the day of trouble, He will keep me safe" (v.5)

When teachers face trouble, may those who know the Lord seek wisdom and security in God and not in their own ideas or strength. May this be a witness to their colleagues of the reality of being in Christ. May God's common grace provide strength, resilience and perseverance to all teachers in their day of trouble.

Day 3. "Hear my voice when I call, Lord" (v.7)

May our schools be places where teachers call upon the Lord.

- For Christian teachers, may they remember, rely on and rejoice in the power of prayer throughout the school day.
- For teachers who do not yet know the Lord, may they call upon Him.
- For Christian parents and students to be more prayerful for their teachers.

Day 4. "Teach me your way, LORD" (v.11)

Pray for more Christians to enter the teaching profession. As believers seek God's face, may those He is calling into teaching be willing to follow where He leads. May the Lord give wisdom to all involved in teacher training and recruitment.

Day 5. "I will see the goodness of the Lord" (v.13)

Pray for teachers to know daily encouragement in all the work they do, to be encouraged by something good or some sign of progress as each school day unfolds. May believers recognise God's hand in all that is good and praise Him. May unbelieving teachers be prompted to want to know the eternal God who is the source of all good things.