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**We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.
Colossians 1:9**

Sunday: *Lord, we begin our prayer focus for our schools by lifting up each student within our community. Please bless young children just beginning their educational journeys with joy and calmness of spirit. We ask you to provide encouraging teachers and staff for these little ones to meet their individual needs and for positive, enduring friendships along the way. Please also give strength and endurance to those returning to school in the face of increasing pressures, decisions, and temptations. May they be surrounded by instructors, coaches, and peers who point them to you.*

Monday: *Lord, today we lift up the health and safety of all of the students within our schools. Please guard our precious children from physical, emotional, and mental assaults. We pray that you will thwart the enemy's plans to destroy our young people in every realm. Please guide those making decisions and protecting our schools from intruders and physical violence. Grant peace to those who are anxious. Please also guard our students from the influences of a decaying culture that threatens the hearts and minds of our children.*

Tuesday: *Lord, our attention turns today to those who pour into the lives of our children: our teachers. Please bless them with special measures of your grace, wisdom, and perseverance. We pray that you will give each teacher a thirst for your Word and a desire to follow you as he or she serves students in challenging and even hostile environments. May these educators never lose the passion of their high calling. Please provide the resources, mentors, and colleagues that they need to remain effective throughout the year. Lighten their loads with inspiration, humor, and love.*

Wednesday: *Today we lift up both the students and teachers of our growing homeschool community. Thank you for the rights that we enjoy within our nation to educate our children in the way that we choose. May we never take this privilege for granted! Lord, we pray for each of our homeschool families. Please provide them with the guidance, resources, and perseverance they need as they train their children to be rising leaders for our community and world.*

Thursday: *Lord, today we pray for our wonderful support staff, who often serve as the front-line heroes in the education of our children. We gratefully lift up our bus drivers, nurses, counselors, therapists, coaches, office and food staff, resource officers, and others who love our children in vital ways. May each of our support staff receive the recognition and assistance that they deserve. Thank you for their priceless contributions to our families.*

Friday: *Lord, we pray for those in the roles of authority and decision-making for our schools: our administrative, board, and governmental leaders. Please ease the burdens that they face in working under the weight of complex decisions, shrinking resources, and growing cultural threats. Grant them godly wisdom and hearts that seek your guidance as they serve those under their authority. Give them strength and endurance to lead well.*

Saturday: Lord, thank you for the great privilege and duty that we have to lift up our schools. Please allow us as community members to support our schools throughout the year. Give us a heart to serve our schools with joy, creativity, and love. Thank you for the gift of our children and young people and those who pour into them. We look to you in anticipation of great things that you will do within our schools and homeschools this year. To You be all glory! **Amen.**