



LCRL PRAYER PARTNERS

April: EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

My Favorite Teacher

Soon children all across the country will step out of their school classroom for the summer break.

Every student experiences mixed emotions at this time. There is the joy of anticipation for a new teacher, subjects, and friends not yet found. There is the sadness of leaving behind familiar routines, classmates and a beloved teacher.

For a time, such things as mathematical formulas, grammar rules, scientific principles, and the unending choices between "A,B,C or None of the Above" are on pause. What will never fade is the influence of the "Favorite Teacher." The most loved "Favorite Teacher" is the one who inspires the student to go beyond oneself. The best "Favorite Teacher" is one who honors, shares, and expands on the lessons taught by the student's "First Teacher" – parents.

Moms and Dads teach the child from day one as children learn to talk, walk, and eat meals at the table. Children are immersed in their family's values, faith, and beliefs. Parents teach by word and deed.

Children learn what are the rules and consequences; rights and responsibilities; how to show emotions; the importance of prayer and church and much more. Children reflect the values, ideals, and belief systems of their parents. As one seasoned teacher once observed, "If you want to know what the home is like, look to the child."

The best education for a child is one in which parents and teachers work together to reinforce and train children in commonly held principles. Thus, faith communities established schools that would be an extension of the parents' belief system. Unfortunately, these schools have diminished due to the rising cost of education. Parents must choose between home-schooling or public education.

Today there are children who have parents and teachers working against each other, each with an agenda of what is best for the child. It would be best if every parent could afford a school that works with them.

Educational Freedom would provide a means for re-establishing schools founded by faith communities, allowing parents to partner with a school that aligns with their individual beliefs and values. Teachers and parents would support one another as they united in curriculum and so much more.

All students should be able to say that their favorite teacher was one that shared their family's principles.

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty supports Educational Freedom.

Let Us Pray:

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Heavenly Father, Bless the teaching of Your Word in our schools. Guard and protect our students from harm and danger in both body and soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord, Bless our parents, students, schools, teachers and staffs. Strengthen, equip and encourage all who teach and all who learn, so that Your name is praised and honored as knowledge, skills and attitudes are imparted and acquired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let Us Encourage:

PRINT – PERSONALIZE – Pray

The LCRL asks that you would commit to pray for those people and organizations that work in the area of education and educational freedom during the month of April. One such organization is the Lutheran Education Association. Their mission is to link, equip, and affirm educators and workers in ministry for the purpose of building up the body of Christ.

Not only do we ask that you would pray, but that you would share this prayer request with your family, friends, neighbors, and congregation.

Please see:
<https://lea.org/>

The LCRL would like to share that you are praying for them. We plan on informing them that there are many people praying for this ministry. In order to do that, we need your help.

Please let us know the number of people who prayed. For example: if you pray with your family of 3 for the Lutheran Education Association, please send us the count of 3 for LEA. If you publish a prayer request for another school or organization in your church bulletin and pastor prays with 234 people in attendance, then use the number 234 and tell us who was prayed for. Please count all numbers and send them by April 30, 2025.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR NUMBERS TO:
LCRLPray@gmail.com

Please feel free to personalize this bookmark with the name(s) of the organization(s) that you will pray for in April, cut it out and keep it in your Bible for handy reference.



First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV

