



# LCRL PRAYER PARTNERS

## SEPTEMBER: EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

### The Best Teacher

Children across the United States are united in one common concern as they begin this new school term: “Will I have a good teacher?”

Students recognize that good teachers shape not only a child’s academic success but also their character, confidence, and lifelong potential. Good teachers combine deep subject knowledge with empathy, clear communication, and a passion for lifelong learning to inspire students and create a supportive, engaging environment.

Perhaps you are recalling your favorite teacher as you read this—a person who challenged you to rise above your expectations, modeled values, and gently led you to self-discovered insights.

Yes, schools are filled with good and great teachers. But the very best ones? They don’t stand at chalkboards or grade papers. They answer to the names “Mom” and “Dad.”

Even before birth, children are tuning in to their parents’ voices like tiny radio receivers—learning to trust, to feel safe, and to love. They develop a taste for mom’s favorite snacks and sway to the music dad plays on his antique turntable.

From birth to age five, parents teach their children the foundations of emotional security, communication, social behavior, and cognitive development—shaping how they learn, relate, and thrive for life. Parents play a vital role in teaching children faith by serving as their first spiritual mentors—modeling prayer, instilling biblical values, and nurturing a personal relationship with God from the earliest years.

After age five, children thrive best when home and school speak the same language of values and virtue. Sadly, some schools—especially the most affordable—may lack that shared foundation, leaving children puzzled, insecure, or discouraged.

But there’s a bright idea on the horizon: Parental Choice. It’s a simple but powerful concept—education funds that follow the student, directed by the parents who know their children best. It’s about giving families the freedom to choose schools that reflect their beliefs, nurture their children’s gifts, and support their dreams.

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty asks for your partnership in praying for parents as the first and lifelong teachers of their children and for alternative forms of schooling, such as Lutheran schools, that these schools may thrive.

Let Us Pray:

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, since You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and learn at Lutheran schools that they may know the truth and trust in You all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Lord, Bless all in authority by whose service You provide the gift of order, including parents and family and our schools. Give them strength and endurance to carry out their duties for the good of those entrusted to their care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRINT – PERSONALIZE – Pray

The LCRL asks that you would commit to pray for the schools of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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://www.tinyurl.com/lcmsschool>

for a directory of Lutheran schools near you.

Please share that you are praying for these schools as you send them an e-mail.

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

Lutheran School

*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*

