

Success Through Failures

Scripture Praise Focus: *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. Acknowledge him in all your ways, and he will make your paths straight.”*
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Dear Heavenly Father,

We praise your mighty name that you are not just the God of our successes but the God of our failures, also.

We praise you that you are a very present help to those students who struggle with failure. When they acknowledge your plan for their lives instead of trusting in their own understanding, you will direct them in the way they should go.

We ask, Lord, that you would reveal to students any failure mentality that may hold them in bondage. If there is a fear of ridicule from others, free them from focusing on other’s opinions. If there is discouragement, remind them of the purpose you have for their life. If there is lack of confidence, remind them that they can do all things through Christ who strengthens them.

If they have lost their motivation, free them from the numbing effects of laziness. If they are trapped in destructive behaviors, deliver them by your power and love. If they lack trust in you, Lord, remind them you will help everyone who calls on your name. If they are trapped in negativity, may they seek to live by the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We pray that students experiencing failure would face areas in which they were wrong. Holy Spirit, we ask that you would bring them to repentance. May they receive the forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ. May they humble themselves beneath your mighty hand until you exalt them, casting all their anxieties upon you because you care for them (1 Peter 5:6-7).

Trials help develop character.

So we pray they would count it all joy when they experience trials since trials produce maturity. Such challenges ultimately lead to success. Bring encouragement to these young people through Christian friends and wise counsel. Help them to remember accounts of the many people in the Bible who failed miserably yet still were able to fulfill your plan for their lives.

Help them to evaluate themselves honestly, to forget their past mistakes and to continue to strive toward the goal of becoming more and more like Jesus.

Thank you, dear Lord that you will complete the good work that you began in each one of our college students. We thank you that as they trust and depend upon you, you will cause them to succeed.

We pray this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen!

Song for meditation: We Fall Down by Chris Tomlin