



Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

⁶ Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 23:12 (NIV)

¹² Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.

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In Gemena, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), many families live in poverty, struggling to provide essentials like food and basic healthcare. Parents want to see their children break the cycle of poverty and build a better future, but without access to education, opportunities to do this are extremely limited.

As faithful prayer warriors like you bring the needs of children before God, families in this region are beginning to have hope that things will change for their children. Through the Covenant Kids Congo partnership, World Vision is focusing on providing access to quality education by improving classroom management and equipping teachers and students with materials.

Holy Father, thank you for the new opportunities children in Gemena will soon have to learn and grow in knowledge. Equip teachers in this region with wisdom, strength, and the resources they need.

In the DRC, more than 7 million children aren't in school. Some spend their days carrying water long distances. Others have no choice but to work and help provide for their families. Those who do attend school often study in overcrowded thatch-roofed huts without walls or desks. They don't always have books, paper, pencils, or skilled teachers.

Gracious Savior, bless teachers and schools in the Congo. Give them the resources they need to provide a quality education. Provide for families living in poverty so that children can focus on school, rather than working or helping at home. Help parents and children alike to see the importance of education and give them determination and help to overcome the obstacles that prevent children from learning.

Sometimes, children who do have access to education are too sick to learn. In communities like Gemena, families often lack access to proper nutrition and basic healthcare. As a result, preventable diseases like malaria and diarrhea cause children to miss school and fall behind. Hunger steals their attention and makes it difficult to focus.

Lord God, pour out your blessings on children and families in the Congo. Equip families in Gemena with nutritious food and access to healthcare. Grant children the health to learn so that they can live life to the full and break the cycle of poverty for generations to come.

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