

# PRAYING *for* CHILDREN

These are kingdom prayers written from Scripture. They ask for things according to God's will—prayers God promises to answer!

*“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him.”*

*1 John 5:14-15*

With these prayers you can pray children (and grandchildren!) into the godly men and women you want them to become. That God wants them to become!

Pray these prayers just as they are written. Or, better yet, let them prompt your personal prayers, and every time you pray them, they'll be fresh. You'll find an added bonus: the more you pray them, you will memorize the verses that comprise them without trying. They'll become part of your heart and your extemporaneous prayers.

## RECEIVE THE GIFT OF SALVATION

HELP THEM TO KNOW YOU AS OUR GOD OF UNFAILING LOVE, who loved the world so much You sent Your one and only Son to die for us. Grant them the favor of Your grace, that they may receive Your free gift of salvation and be born again at the earliest moment of understanding. I want them to have the joy of knowing You in a personal way throughout their lives!

*(John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:3, 5; Jeremiah 9:24)*

Give them new hearts and a new spirit while they are young, so that they may have His presence within them as they begin to grow and mature.

*(Ezekiel 36:26; Acts 2:38)*

### *Know Their Shepherd*

Help them to know You as their shepherd who calls them by name. May they learn to hear and recognize Your voice in their heart of hearts, and be willing to follow You wherever You lead. May they be eager to draw near You, to spend time with You every day, talking with You about everything, learning to stay in Your presence. May they never be pulled away from fellowship with You, wandering into a far country like the prodigal son.

*(John 10:14, 3-4; Matthew 19:14; James 4:8; Matthew 6:6; Luke 15:13)*

### *Learn and Remember Bible Stories*

Give them a desire to learn and be familiar with the Bible. Help them to hear and remember the wonderful Bible stories that can enrich their understanding of who You are and how You work in the world. Help them to see how You protected Moses from the water, Joseph in the well, and Daniel in the lions' den. Teach them at a young age about Jesus, their shepherd who will take care of them.

*(Exodus 2:3-9; Genesis 37:23-36; Daniel 6:16-23; Psalm 23:1)*

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# LIVE BY FAITH

**TEACH THEM TO ASK FOR WHAT THEY NEED AS THEY MOVE THROUGH THE DAY**, with faith that never questions whether or not You will hear. May they know that You are their Father who has promised no one can ever snatch them out of Your hand. Help them to live by the faith that pleases You.

*(Matthew 6:11; Psalm 65:2; John 10:29; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 11:6)*

## *Be Guarded by Angels*

May their angels in heaven look after them and keep them safe. As they grow, teach them to live in Your presence. Help them to love You, to acknowledge Your name, and to call out to You in prayer. Let Your angels guard them wherever they go.

*(Matthew 18:10; Psalm 91:1, 9, 11, 14-16)*

## *Trust God and His Word*

Show them how loving You are, how faithful to all Your promises. Help them to trust in You and Your Word. Show them that Your promises are as much for them as anyone, that You never forget Your promises and You always keep them. Help them to keep Your promises in mind.

*(Psalm 119:38; 130:5; 111:5; 119:95)*

No matter what they face, teach them to have confidence in You. May they know and experience Your great faithfulness. Help them to know that You are always there, ready to help with any trouble. Show them while they're young that You are all they need, that they can depend on You.

*(Psalm 71:5, Lamentations 3:22-23; Psalm 46:1; Lamentations 3:24)*

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# FEEL SAFE WITH GOD

**MAY THEY DEVELOP A REAL SENSE OF YOUR PRESENCE.** Help them to believe Your promise never to leave them or forsake them. Help them to know that You are the One who controls the wind and the waves, who puts the clouds in the sky and tells the lightning where to strike. Give them comfort in knowing You are holding them with Your right hand, always there to strengthen and protect them.

*(Acts 10:33; Deuteronomy 31:8; Luke 8:24; Job 36:29, 32; Isaiah 41:10)*

Help them to feel safe with You, confident that no one can separate them from Your love. Let them know that You are their shepherd who will pick them up and carry them close to Your heart.

*(Proverbs 29:25; Romans 8:38-39; Isaiah 40:11)*

## *Pray with Faith*

Help them to turn to You with their simple, basic needs and to expect You to answer even beyond anything they can ask or imagine. Help them to have the simple faith that grows, trusting that You are the same miracle-working, compassionate, attentive God they see in the Bible. May they believe that You are the same today as You were then, that You will always be the same.

*(Matthew 7:9-11; Ephesians 3:20; Matthew 17:20; Exodus 15:11; Matthew 20:34; Hebrews 13:8)*

Help them to see that every need is important, nothing is too small, that all their concerns are important to You. May they realize that as You did with Jonah, You can hear their prayers from anywhere. Teach them that they should always keep on praying, without giving up. Help them to pray for others not just at bedtime, but as a way of life.

*(Jonah 2:1-2; Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18)*

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# DIRECT THEIR STEPS

HELP THEM EARLY IN LIFE TO EMBRACE THE LITERAL TRUTH OF WHO YOU ARE. May they see You as the Lord of heaven and earth, the One who parted the Red Sea, brought water from the rock, and tore down the walls of Jericho. Show them that nothing is too hard for You to do.

*(Acts 17:24; Exodus 14:21-22; Nehemiah 9:15; Hebrews 11:30; Jeremiah 32:27)*

May they understand that not even a little bird falls from a tree without Your knowing it, or its being Your will. Help them to know how much You care for the details of their lives, that You are there to direct their steps when they turn to You. May they believe there is nothing You won't do to make sure Your plan for their lives is accomplished.

*(Matthew 10:29; 6:26; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 46:11; Jeremiah 29:11)*

## Complete Good Works

Let Your favor rest upon them throughout their lives, and establish the work of their hands. Whatever they're doing at any age, make their efforts successful, and let it go well for them! They are Your workmanship, Your masterpieces, created in Christ to do good works, which You have prepared in advance for them to do. Help them to believe that amazing truth.

*(Psalm 90:17; Ephesians 2:10)*

## Develop Godly Values

Guard their minds and hearts, for they're being assaulted by the ideas of the world they live in. Protect them from the morals and values that are coming at them from a world that's being led astray by Satan.

*(Philippians 4:7; Colossians 2:8; Revelation 12:9)*

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# EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S LOVE

MAY THEY, NOW AND OVER THEIR LIFETIME, come to be absolutely compelled by a growing appreciation of Christ's love and what it represents. Help their roots to grow deep down into the reality of that love. Through the power of the Spirit, may they begin to grasp how wide and long, how high and deep Jesus' love really is. Help them to know and experience His love, though it's so great they'll never fully understand it. Fill them with Your life and power.

*(2 Corinthians 5:14; Ephesians 3:17-19)*

## Learn Who They Are in Christ

May they begin to discover their identity in Christ—and find all the confidence they need to face the insecurities of growing up. Help them to realize early in life that Christ's life and power within them is sufficient for any challenge they face. Show them as they mature, that in Christ they have the strength for anything.

*(Galatians 2:20; Colossians 2:9-10; 1 Corinthians 1:25; Philippians 4:13)*

## Follow Christ

As they trust Christ to save them, help them to keep on following Him, resting on Him as the foundation of their lives. Keep them strong in their faith, and help them to live a life that honors the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work. Help them throughout their lives to learn to know You better and better, and become strong in the truth they're taught.

*(John 1:43; Isaiah 28:16; Colossians 1:10; John 17:3; 2 Peter 1:12)*

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