

Prayer Suggestions for Parents to Pray for Their Children

1. Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gift of our son/daughter, (insert child's name). We pray for his/her salvation in you, Jesus. You have promised that if we believe in you, Jesus, we shall have eternal life. (John 3:16)
2. We ask that we as _____'s parents, reflect our faith in You so that whatever we do, we work at it with all our hearts, as working for the You, and not for "looking good" to others, but will bring up our child as You direct. (Colossians 3:23)
3. We ask for wisdom in disciplining _____.
("Parents, do not embitter your children or they will become discouraged."
Colossians 3:21, Proverbs 15:1)
4. We pray for wisdom for us, and for _____ that we may all respect You and Your word. ("Submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8)
5. We pray that _____ will also respect us. ("Children respect parents and their authority." Ephesians 6: 1-2)
6. We pray that as parent(s) we be worthy of respect from our children. ("Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea."
Matthew 18: 5-6)
7. We pray that _____ will respect and value him/herself as You value each of us. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for me. (Romans 5:8) "For God so loved the world He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life."
(John 3:16, Eph. 2:10)
8. We pray that _____ will value education. "Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)
9. We pray for protection from Satan's attacks for _____, whether it is in avoiding Christian teaching, hearing or reading Your Word, alcohol use, drug dealers, wild parties, occult activity, destructive music, or sexual activity. "Put on the whole armor of God." (Eph.6:10)
10. We pray that You show us how to arm _____ with the Your holy Word. "Teach these things to your children, wear them on your forehead, put them on your gatepost." (Deut. 4:9)
11. We pray that we may impart your wisdom to _____. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Proverbs 9:10)
13. We pray that we will model acceptable behavior for _____, and not enable unacceptable behavior. (Colossians 3:12-14, 1Thessalonians 5:14-18)
14. We pray that _____ will have the wisdom and ability to make good judgments and not to let self-doubt get in his/her way. (Hebrews 12:28-29, Proverbs 3:5-6, 1Thessalonians 5:16-24)
15. We pray for courage for _____, that fear not hinder good judgment in setting up boundaries. (Psalm 46:1-2. Psalm 1:1-2)

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16. We pray for wisdom for _____ to do what is best, not what looks good, to avoid being drawn into destructive behaviors, or being with destructive people. Col. 3:15-16
17. We pray for grace for us to value each child as You value each of us, and that we not put down, or unintentionally wound or embarrass _____ in front of others. (Matthew 18:10)
18. We pray for courage to hold _____ responsible for age appropriate behavior. (Proverbs 3:11-12)
19. We pray as parents for ourselves, that we give You first place, and do what You require so the needs of our family will be provided. (Matthew 6:33)
20. As parents, we pray for each other, and our relationship to You. "In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger. Do not give Satan a foothold." (Ephesians 4:26-7)
21. We pray that you will help us keep our marriage strong. "What God has joined together, let not anyone separate." (Matthew 19:6, Ephesians 5:31, Colossians 3: 18-19)
22. We pray for good and wise friends for _____ and or ourselves. (Proverbs 1:10)
23. We pray for discernment in teaching _____ to choose wisely what goes into his/she mind. "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters." (Nehemiah 4:14)
24. We pray for courage to stand firm on Your word, to love and parent our child(ren) well, and notice who is trying to influence our child(ren) with harmful values, for Jesus says "I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." (Matthew 18:10)
25. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, (we/I) pray that out of Your glorious riches You will strengthen _____ with power through Your Spirit in (his/her) inner being, so that You will dwell in (his/her) heart through faith. (We/I) pray that (he/she) be rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide, and long, how high and deep is Your love, Jesus, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that (he/she) may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to You, who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to Your power that is at work within us, to You be glory in the church throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:16-21)

Pray one prayer each day, or one for several days. Read the scripture; meditate on God's Word, ask God for direction. If you miss some days, don't give up, just pick up and keep going.