



Pray Over the Lord's Families – They are Under Attack

Raising a child is not an easy task. As a parent you love them and pour yourself into them to help guide their growth and development. You pray over them and teach and nurture them in God's ways. You are preparing them from their beginning to live a life that makes them less dependent upon you and more dependent upon the Lord. Sometimes that journey is full of joy as you watch them grow and make their choices, while other times it is hard to watch when they make decisions that are hurtful or taking them away from the Lord. Regardless, we have to persevere in our love and prayers for their future as they continue to figure things out.

Recently I was asked to pray for a parent and their child as they struggled through a part of life's journey in their family and circumstances. I believe that some of the specific things that this parent requested in their request for prayers are excellent reminders of the challenges that all of our young people and their families face. Regardless of whether you have children in your home or part of your family, I think we all need to be praying for the young families of today as they fight for the growth, the salvation, and the relationship with God for their children. So please take a few minutes and give consideration of these requests and pray over some specific families you know and for the Lord's family as a whole.

- Pray for God to divinely intervene in the children's lives and give them all that they need to take a step of faith to open up with their parents about any struggles they are experiencing.
- Pray that the children will find freedom from those struggles by coming into the light and that their heart would be open to seeking

support through parents and spiritually minded friends and leaders.

- . Pray that the children will be drawn to the Lord, that he will be merciful to them and grant the child a repentant heart; to give them faith to trust in Christ to deliver them; to bring healing to their heart and mind and to surrender their own will, desires and dreams, and trust in God and His loving plans for their life and future.
- . Pray that the children will have a thirst for God's word, would be set free with the truth, and would understand the spiritual battle raging, submit to God, and resist the devil so that he would flee; give thanks to God giving him all the glory and praise that is due Him.
- . Pray that God would graciously give them the knowledge and understanding they need for life, protect them from the evil one's schemes, and help them so that they would know that they are fearfully and wonderfully made; and pray that they are to be filled with the hope and joy that comes from knowing and serving Christ.

1 Jn 5:14 *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*

Eph 1:18 *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,*

Jn 17:15 *My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.*

Php 4:6 *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

Col 4:2 *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

- Derrick Savage