



## **31 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Children**

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**1. Salvation—Isaiah 45:8; 2 Timothy 2:10**

Lord, let salvation spring up within my children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

**2. Growth in Grace—2 Peter 3:18**

I pray that my children may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**3. Love—Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:2**

Lord, grant that my children may learn to live a life of love through the Spirit who dwells in them.

**4. Honesty and integrity—Psalm 25:21**

May integrity and honesty be their virtue and their protection.

**5. Self-control—1 Thessalonians 5:6**

Father, help my children not be like many others around them. Let them be alert and self-controlled in all they do.

**6. Love for God's Word—Psalm 19:10**

May my children grow to find Your Word more precious than pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb.

**7. Justice—Psalm 11:7; Micah 6:8**

God, help my children to love justice as You do and act justly in all they do.

**8. Mercy—Luke 6:36**

May my children always be merciful just as their Father is merciful.

**9. Respect for self, others, and authority—1 Peter 2:17**

Father, grant that my children may show proper respect to everyone, as your Word commands.

**10. Biblical self-esteem—Ephesians 2:10**

Help my children develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.

**11. Faithfulness—Proverbs 3:3**

Let love and faithfulness never leave my children but bind these twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of their hearts.

**12. Courage—Deuteronomy 31:6**

May my children always be strong and courageous in their character and in their actions.



**13. Purity—Psalm 51:10**

Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in their actions.

**14. Kindness—1 Thessalonians 5:15**

Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

**15. Generosity—1 Timothy 6:18-19**

Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.

**16. Peace-loving—Romans 14:19**

Father, let my children make every effort to do what leads to peace.

**17. Joy—1 Thessalonians 1:6**

May my children be filled with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

**18. Perseverance—Hebrews 12:1**

Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them persevere as they run the race marked out for them.

**19. Humility—Titus 3:2**

God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward all.

**20. Compassion—Colossians 3:12**

Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion.

**21. Responsibility—Galatians 6:5**

Grant that my children may learn responsibility, for each one should carry his own load.

**22. Contentment—Philippians 4:12-13**

Father, teach my children the secret of being content in any and every situation, through Him who gives them strength.

**23. Faith—Luke 17:5-6; Hebrews 11:1-40**

I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children's hearts, that by faith they may gain what has been promised to them.

**24. A servant's heart—Ephesians 6:7**

God, please help my children develop servants' hearts that they may serve wholeheartedly as if they were the Lord, not men.



**25. Hope—Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope grant that my children may overflow with hope and hopefulness by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**26. Willingness and ability to work—Colossians 3:23**

Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work at it with all their heart, as if working for the Lord, not for men.

**27. Passion for God—Psalm 63:8**

Lord, please instill in my children a soul that “followeth hard after thee.” One that clings passionately to you.

**28. Self-discipline—Proverbs 1:3**

Father, I pray that my children may acquire a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right, just, and fair.

**29. Prayerfulness—Ephesians 6:18**

Lord, grant that my children’s lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that they may learn to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

**30. Gratitude—Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 2:7**

Help my children to live lives that are always overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Christ.

**31. A heart for missions—Psalm 96:3**

Lord, please help my children to develop a desire to see Your glory declared among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among all peoples.