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How to Pray with and For Your Children (Praying With & For Your Children)



Intro:



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Prayer is the most important parenting tool we have.



No matter how old your children are, it's never too late to begin praying with them.

*****The younger you can start the better.

How



1) Sentence Prayer. You can help your children pray aloud by giving them a sentence to complete, such as:

- "Lord, I thank you for ..."
- "Lord, forgive me for ..."
- "Lord, help my friend ..."
- "Lord, help me be more ..."
- "Lord, help me to let go of ..."
- "Lord, give me the courage to ..."
- Lord, one of the fears I need help with is ..."*

2) Rote Prayers Now I lay me down to sleep....

Ill of Charismatics who teach their people to pray out loud all at the same time so people get comfortable hearing their voice and they learn to pray without all the attention being on them.

3) *A.C.T.S. Prayer*. This is a well-known form of prayer that is easy to remember:

- *A* stands for "adoration." Begin the prayer by simply adoring God for who He is.
- *C* stands for "confession." Spend some time confessing your sins.
- *T* stands for "thanksgiving." Take time to thank God for the blessings that He has given to you and your family.
- *S* stands for "supplication." Lift up specific areas of your life in which you need God to supply for your needs.*



Praying With Your Kids

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Highs
&
Lows

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Prayer
Journal

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Pray
On the
Spot

4) *Highs and Lows*. Ask your children what their "highs" were from the day, and then ask them about their "lows" from the day. Share your highs and lows as well, and then pray for them together. *

5) *Prayer Journal*. Share your prayer requests with the other members of your family and then record them in a prayer journal. One person can pray for all the requests you've listed for the day. The next time you pray together, look over the requests you listed previously and update any changes and answers. **This is a good way to see how God has been active in your prayer lives.***

6) *Pray on the Spot*. As things surface... car accident on the side of the road or a homeless person

Praying With Your Kids

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Thankful
Prayers

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Pray
For
Others

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Praying
The
News

7) *Thankfulness Prayers*. Have your child thank God for 5 things. **Ill of thank you walks**

8) *Teach them to pray for others*

-brothers or sisters (pick one each night)

-the child at school that is not popular

9) *Praying the News*

Ill best thing I did as a parent... Ill of DVD for Prayer Conference

***Adapted from *Praying with Your Child* by Mark Holmen**

Praying FOR Your Children



How to Pray For Your Child

III – Mark Batterson



- 1) Make a list of things you want to pray for your child on 3 by 5 cards
- 2) Prayer App Prayer Mate
- 3) Variety is Key
- 4) Pray scripture over them Philippians 1:9-10 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
- 5) Bless them **Ill of Grandkids and my blessing each time they come over.**

Ill of Tony Howard

Notes:

- 1) Satan will not let you start this without push back.
- 2) The hardest part about praying together is deciding what to say.
- 3) Don't preach.
- 4) Touch
- 5) Be sensitive to each other....
- 6) Don't beat yourself up if you miss a day

Powerful Scriptures to Pray for Our Children

- God, I ask You to bless _____, make Your face shine upon them, be gracious to them. Turn Your face toward them and give them peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
- God, I ask You to cause _____ to be strong and courageous. I thank You that they are not afraid nor discouraged, for they know You are with them wherever they go. (Joshua 1:9)
- God, I thank You that according to Your word, all things go well with _____. Their soul prospers daily and therefore everything concerning them is blessed and empowered to prosper. (3 John 1:2)
- God, _____'s hope is in You. I thank You for renewing their strength daily. I give You praise that _____ will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint. Their strength is in You, Lord. (Isaiah 40:31) The joy of the Lord is _____ strength, according to Your unfailing word. (Nehemiah 8:10) _____ is always in perfect peace because their mind is stayed upon You and because they trust confidently in You God. (Isaiah 26:3)
- God, I thank You that _____ dwells in the secret place of the Most High God and finds rest in the very shadow of the Almighty. They say of the Lord, "He is my refuge, my fortress and my God, I trust Him."
- God, cover _____ with Your feathers and under Your wings may they find continual refuge. Your faithfulness is their shield. Thank You for commanding Your angels concerning _____, to keep them safe always and in every situation. (Psalm 91)
- God, I thank You for the plans You have for _____. They are good plans filled with hope and a wonderful future. For this we give You praise. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- God, I pray that _____ does not have a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7) Today, I declare, according to the word of God, the Lord watches over _____ now and forever. Wherever they go, the Lord is watching their every step and keeping them safe. (Psalm 121:8)
- God, I thank You that _____ is strong in the Lord and in the power of Your might. They put on the full armor of God and stand firm against every attack of the enemy. (Ephesians 6:10-11)
- God, I ask You to cause _____ to keep Your word before their eyes, in their heart and coming out of their mouth. Your word will be to them life, health and wholeness. I thank You that as _____ is taught of the Lord, they will walk daily in undisturbed peace. (Proverbs 4:20-22, Isaiah 54:13)

31 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Children

Taken from *Praying Beyond Protection and Blessing* By Bob Hostetler

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.

Creative Way to Pray Pray for your Kids, or nieces or nephews