

PRAYER GUIDE

Scriptures To Pray Over Your Children

Help them secure their future in an
increasingly complex world



Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him (Psalm 127:3). While we appreciate these precious gifts from God, we as parents/guardians/care givers also have a responsibility to nurture, raise and teach the children in our care that goes beyond the physical.

Children these days are facing many issues previous generations didn't have to deal with, which makes it even more critical that we constantly lift our children/wards in prayer.

This series we will be looking at scriptures to pray and declare over them – their salvation, destinies, purpose, health, prosperity and so much more. Please stay connected and more importantly, participate and pray for these precious ones.

I pray this study blesses you and transforms your family as God moves in the life of your children as only He can.



Day 1

Salvation

Eternity is a reality we cannot afford to ignore. As important as it is to ensure our children have a good education and live healthy, prosperous lives, we will do them a great disservice if we do not help them understand the reality of eternity.

Life can get so busy and consuming that we tend to think this is all there is to work for. But the Bible reminds us over and over that this world isn't all there is and more importantly we need to consciously bring ourselves under the Lordship of Jesus. Let's not take this for granted. While we pray for long life and good health and other blessings for our children, we must pray even more fervently for the salvation of their souls, because that is the part of them that will exist for all eternity.

'Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ' John 3:3,5

'Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.'" Acts 4:12

Prayer Guide: Lord I bring my children before you and I pray for their souls. Lord Jesus I ask that you watch over them and bring them to the knowledge of you. Give them the grace to seek you early and accept you as their Lord and Savior. I pray that no child of mine will be lost but will receive eternal salvation and will dwell with you in eternity. Holy Spirit I invite you take over the lives of my children and secure their eternal destination. In Jesus Name.

Day 2

Guidance

We all need God's guidance in our lives, especially our young ones as they begin to make decisions that will affect their future. God is very intentional about each of His children and has a specific plan for each of us. As parents/caregivers we need to understand this and not force our children/wards to live the lives we want but be open to them living the life God has ordained for them.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 cautions us to remember our Creator in the days of our youth and we must help our children keep this in the forefront of their thoughts. God has promised that our children's names are inscribed on the palms of His hand (Isaiah 49:16) and that His thoughts for them are for good (Jeremiah 29:11). He's also promised to guide our children (Psalm 32:8) and instruct them Himself (Isaiah 54:3). Let's pray these promises into our children's lives.

Prayer Guide: Lord, you have said that we should remember our creator in the days of our youth, and so Father I bring my children (Insert their names) before you and ask that you give them a heart that seeks you in their youth. Father you Word says that my children's names are inscribed on the palms of your hands and so you are constantly thinking about them. Your Word also says that your thoughts for my children are for good, to give them a hope and expected end. Father I pray that you will guide my children in the knowledge of your ways and your will so the expected end you have planned for them will happen. Father you said that you Lord will instruct my children and great shall be their peace. Father I stand on the authority of your Word and declare that indeed my children shall be taught by you, that you will guide them and your counsel alone shall stand in their lives. In the Name of Jesus.

Day 3

Sound Mind

There are many things our children are confronted with that may not have been major issues for us. So many issues they have to contend with that probably never came up for us. We need to recognise this and as we educate ourselves on what's going on in our children's lives, we must also seek the help of the Holy Spirit to help protect their minds.

'For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.' II Timothy 1:7

'And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.' Romans 12:2

"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3

Prayer Guide: Dear Lord, I bring my child(ren) before you and commit their minds into your hands. Father you said in your Word that you haven't given them the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. So I speak power, love and soundness of mind into the life of ____ (insert name(s)). I ask Holy Spirit that his/her mind will not be conformed to the standards of the world, but that you will renew his/her mind daily. Your Word says that we have the mind of Christ and I declare this over my child's life that he/she has the mind of Christ – and so my child reasons as Christ does and views all of life's blessings and challenges from the perspective of Christ. Because my child's mind is stayed on you and trusts, you will keep him/her in perfect peace all his/her days. And so shall it be in Jesus Name.



Day 4

Skill and Excellence

The dream for most parents/care givers is that the children in our care excel in all that they do. God has given each child a unique ability, so ideally our focus should be on ensuring we help our children be the best version of themselves and not necessarily that they be better than someone else.

The Bible tells us that our children are for signs and wonders (Isaiah 8:18) and we have many examples in the Bible of people who excelled at different endeavors. So we have the confidence that if God did it for one person, He can do the same for our children.

'As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.' Daniel 1:17

'Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.'" Daniel 5:12

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:14,16

Prayer Guide: Father, I thank you for the gift of my child(ren). Your Word say that my children are the light of the world, I ask Lord that you fill them with your spirit of excellence, wisdom, knowledge, understanding and skill in all areas of their endeavours. Make them solution providers Lord, so your light will shine through them and all glory will be given to you. I pray Lord that you give me clarity in the area of the gifts you have placed in my child(ren) and give me the grace and wisdom to help them perfect these gifts to the glory of your name. In Jesus Name.

Day 5

Relationships

As we mature in life, we realize the power of associations in shaping a person's life. The people we spend time with have a strong influence on how our lives turn out because we often we become more and more like them, sometimes without even realizing.

Armed with this knowledge we need to pray the right relationships into the lives of our children/wards because as the Bible advises us in 1 Corinthians 15:33, "Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." And in Psalms 1:1 'Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.'

However it's not all negative though. Having the right people in your child's life can be an immense blessing to them and help keep them on the right path.

'A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.' Proverbs 17:17

'Two *are* better than one, because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.' Ecclesiastes 4:9-10a

'He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harms.' Proverbs 13:20

'As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.' Proverbs 27:17

Prayer Guide: Dear Lord you created us to have relationships with one another and our relationships are meant to build us up and give you glory. Father I pray for all the relationships my children are in or will enter into at any point in their lives. Father I ask that you separate my children from people of bad character and the counsel of the ungodly. Lord surround my children with relationships that will build them up and sharpen them in every area that is pleasing to you. Give them friends that will share wise counsel with them and lift them up when they are weak. Bless their lives with friends who will love them at all times good or bad, who will speak the truth to them in love and who will also intercede for them in the place of prayer. Lord, please make my children such friends to others as well. In Jesus Name.

Day 6

Health

'But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.' Isaiah 53:5

As a parent, it can be incredibly painful for us to see our child unwell so we do our best to keep their bodies healthy. Our Father in heaven is also interested in seeing us healthy. That's why one of the things Jesus paid the price for us is our healing. The Bible has so many examples of Jesus healing the sick, so we have an assurance that He also wants our children healthy. While we do our best in the physical, let's lift our children before God daily to keep them in good health – in all areas, spirit, souls and body.

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.
3 John 1:2

"LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me." Psalm 30:2

Prayer Guide: Father, I bring my children before you. Your word says that we are oaks of righteousness planted for the display of your splendour and so Father I bring my children before you and ask that you display your splendour in their lives through their health. Keep them in good health Lord, mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Let them prosper and be in health in every way. Father wherever sickness may have occurred, I declare that according to your word by the stripes of Jesus my child is healed, and affliction shall not rise again. Thank you Father for in Jesus Name I pray.

Day 7

Wisdom and Favour

'And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.' Luke 2:52

The Bible places a strong emphasis on wisdom and its power to help us navigate through life effectively. The book of Proverbs in particular refers to the numerous benefits of wisdom, which are worth studying.

'Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;' Proverbs 24:3

This does not necessarily speak only about a physical house, but about anything we are building (families, relationships, careers, etc.) and so we need our children to build their lives with wisdom and understanding, so they can avoid many unnecessary pitfalls.

'For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favour You will surround him as with a shield.'
Psalm 5:12

'Now God had brought Daniel into the favour and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.'
Daniel 1:9

When our lives are pleasing to Him, He blesses us with His favour which comes with innumerable benefits. God's favour opens doors for us that we don't have to struggle to walk through, causing those who may not even like us to do good things to/for us. The combination of wisdom and favour in the lives of our children will make them unstoppable.

Prayer Guide: Lord, grant my children Godly wisdom, let them build their lives based on your instructions, guidance and counsel. Open their minds to receive your understanding to know how to accurately assess and respond to every situation they encounter so their lives will be established in You. And as they please you Lord, grant them your favour so that they will always be surrounded by helpers and even those who may not even like them will be at peace with them. Open doors of opportunity for them Lord so that You and You alone will receive the glory.



Day 8

Expansion

'And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.' I Chronicles 4:10

Jabez was named based on the pain his mother experienced when giving birth to him, and so she labelled him based on that experience. There may be times our children do things that cause us to label them negatively, and sometimes those labels stick. However, we see from the example of Jabez that it is possible for God to turn things around for a person in spite of the labels. We have an opportunity to speak this into the lives of our children. Regardless of where they are in life, what they may have done God can turn their situations around for the better:

Prayer Guide: Father I thank you for the life of my child/children. I ask Lord that you forgive me for any negative names I may have labelled my child with and ask that you take complete control of _____'s life. Oh Lord, bless _____ indeed and enlarge _____'s territory. Remove any barriers and limitations that seek to constrain my child from reaching his/her full God ordained potential. Cause ____ to constantly increase in all areas that are pleasing to you and bring you glory. Let your hand be upon my child to provide guidance and direction along the best pathway for his/her life. Keep my child from evil so he/she will never be the cause of any pain. Whenever my child is faced with temptation, Lord make a way of escape clear. Be a shield around my child Lord and cause him/her to grow in the knowledge, love and fear of you daily. In Jesus Name.

Day 9

Reverence

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death. Proverbs 14:27

What does it mean to fear the Lord? It means to understand that we are to approach God with reverence and awe. Yes, God loves us and delights to have a relationship with us, but we should not take this as a reason to treat Him casually. When we revere God, we place a priority and importance on who He is and what He says. God's opinion matters to us more than anyone else because we count Him as more important.

When we do not fear God, we act casually and recklessly because we really do not think there will be any consequences to our actions. It's key that we realise that everything God asks us to do is for our own benefit. He is God, nothing we do or don't do makes Him any more or less God.

It's with this in mind that we pray that our children will fear the Lord, so they will walk uprightly and in a manner that will lead to a life that is pleasing to God. Why? Because the benefits are immense.

'The fear of the Lord prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.' Proverbs 10:27

'By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.' Proverbs 22:4

Prayer Guide: Our Father in heaven, I ask that you fill my children with the knowledge of who you are, that they may know you and that they may fear you. Let their lives be guided by their reverence for you, let your word be inscribed on their hearts so their days will be prolonged. Give them the grace to walk in humility, constantly seeking to know you and to please you. You have promised so many wonderful things to those who fear you Lord, let my children be partakers of these blessings all their days. In Jesus Name.



Day 10

Service

' "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning..." ' Luke 12:35

God expects us to use our gifts, blessings, opportunities, etc. in His service to expand the Kingdom. We are the salt of the earth, but salt is useless if it's not seasoning anything. We are the light of the world, but we cannot be effective if we don't keep our lamps burning.

We do not serve a wicked God, He says in His word, 'But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ' (Matthew 6:33). God is committed to meeting our needs as we work with Him as co-labourers in whatever capacity he's placed in us as, 'There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ' (1 Corinthians 12:5).

At a point in time we and our children will have to give an account of what we have done while here on earth to God (Romans 14:12) and so that we are not ashamed on that day, let's ensure that we and our children commit ourselves to seeking God's guidance on how to serve Him in a manner that's pleasing to Him.

And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame. 1 John 2:28

Prayer Guide: Lord Jesus, you instructed us to be ready for service and to be ready to give an account of our time here on earth. And so Lord I ask that you reveal to my children who you would have them be and what you would have them do for the sake of expanding the Kingdom of heaven here on earth. Give them a heart that is yielded and committed to obeying you. Give my children the grace to seek you from an early age and boldness to proclaim you at whatever stage of life they may be in. Keep my children in fellowship with you Lord Jesus so they may be full of courage and unashamed in your presence. In Jesus Name.

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