



## The Praying Parent

God has not called you to be a perfect parent. Yet, He has called you to be a praying parent. The greatest thing that you can do for your child is to pray for him or her. You can make a positive and lasting impact on your child through prayer. At every stage of their lives, your children need and will greatly benefit from your prayers.

You can turn to the expert Parent, your heavenly Father. When you do this, you are inviting His presence and power into his or her life. When you pray for your child, you are asking God to make His presence and power a part of his or her life. You are asking God to powerfully work in his or her life. That does mean that there will always be an immediate answer to your prayers. Sometimes it can take days, weeks, months, or even years. Yet, if you are praying something is happening, whether you see it or not. The Word of God says, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (**James 5:16**).

The following is a prayer list that you can use to intercede for your children. These requests are based on the Word of God. You can plead His Word with confidence. Grandparents and those who are concerned for children can also use these requests. (feel free to print out this form to use in your prayer time)

"Lord, I pray that You would save \_\_\_\_\_. Grant faith and repentance to him/her. I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would surrender himself/herself to Jesus Christ (**John 3:16, 5:25; Matthew 11:28; Acts 4:12**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Enable him/her to mature in the faith (**1 Peter 2:1-2; 2 Peter 3:18**).

Father, I pray that You would create a hunger in \_\_\_\_\_ for the Word of God. I plead that he/she will find Your Word more precious than much pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb (**Psalms 19:10**).

I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will learn to live a life of love for God and others through the Holy Spirit who lives in him/her and who pours out the love of God into his/her heart (**Romans 5:5**).

Create in \_\_\_\_\_ a pure heart, O God, and cause that purity to be shown in their words and actions (**Psalms 51:10**).

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would have an ever-increasing faith in You and Your Word (**Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6**).

Father, I pray that You would enable \_\_\_\_\_ to be sexually pure in thought, words, and actions. I plead that he/she will be protected from pornography, pre-marital sex, and outercourse (**1 Thessalonians 4:3-4; Ephesians 5:3**).

O God, create a servant's heart in \_\_\_\_\_ that he/she may serve wholeheartedly as if he/she were serving the Lord and not men (**Ephesians 6:7**).

I pray that You, the God of hope, would cause hope to overflow in \_\_\_\_\_'s life (**Romans 15:13**).

Father, cultivate in \_\_\_\_\_ the ability to have true humility before You and to show true humility before all people (**Titus 3:2; 1 Peter 5:5**).

Lord, clothe \_\_\_\_\_ with the godly virtue of compassion (**Colossians 3:12**).

I plead that honesty and integrity would characterize \_\_\_\_\_'s life (**Psalms 15, 25:21**).

Father, help \_\_\_\_\_ not to be like many others around him/her, but enable \_\_\_\_\_ to be alert and self-controlled in all that he/she does (**1 Thessalonians 5:6**).



Lord, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will love justice as You do and will act justly in all that he/she does (**Psalm 11:7; Micah 6:8**).

Let love and faithfulness never leave \_\_\_\_\_, but bind these twin virtues around his/her neck and write them on the tablet of his/her heart (**Proverbs 3:31**).

God, enable \_\_\_\_\_ to always be strong and courageous for You in all that he/she says and does (**Deuteronomy 31:6**).

I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will always be merciful as his/her heavenly Father is merciful (**Luke 6:36**).

Father, empower \_\_\_\_\_ to show proper respect to everyone as Your Word commands (**1 Peter 2:17**).

Lord, teach \_\_\_\_\_ perseverance, especially to run the race with perseverance marked out for him/her (**Hebrews 12:1**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the righteousness of Jesus and the realization that he/she is God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus (**Ephesians 2:10**).

Lord, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will be filled with joy given by the Holy Spirit (**1 Thessalonians 1:6**).

Father, enable \_\_\_\_\_ to make every effort to do what leads to peace (**Romans 14:19**).

God, grant that \_\_\_\_\_ will learn responsibility and diligence because each one should carry his/her own load (**Galatians 6:5**).

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will be generous, willing to give to You and to others. I ask that he/she would lay up treasure in heaven (**Matthew 6:19-20**).

I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving others as God for Christ's sake has forgiven him/her (**Ephesians 4:32**).

Lord, teach \_\_\_\_\_ the value of work. Enable him/her to work to Your glory and his/her good (**Colossians 3:23**).

Father, create a passion in \_\_\_\_\_ to know and love You (**Psalm 63:8**).

Lord, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will have a heart for prayer. Teach him/her how to pray and to listen to You (**Luke 18:1; Colossians 4:2**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would give thanks always for all things in the name of Jesus to Your glory and in obedience to Your will (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**).

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would acquire a disciplined and wise life, do what is right, just, and fair in Your sight (**Proverbs 1:3**).

Father, create a longing in \_\_\_\_\_'s heart to see Your gospel declared among the nations. Give \_\_\_\_\_ a heart for the nations of the world (**Psalm 96:3**).

Lord, teach \_\_\_\_\_ the secret of being content in any and every situation through Him who gives strength (**Philippians 4:12-13**).