

First, we ask for forgiveness for the times we have neglected to correct and train up our children in Your ways. Grant us grace to encourage and lead them to know and follow You by our own example. Show us how to guard their hearts and minds from ungodly influences and relationships.

Colossians 4:12 reminds us WHY we pray for our children:

“laboring fervently in prayers that (they) may stand perfect and complete (fully assured) in all the will of God.”

1. Heavenly Father, may we and our children live worthy and pleasing to You in every way today; bearing fruit in every good work; growing in our knowledge of You; strengthened with all might according to Your glorious power; enabled to be patient, thankful, and long-suffering with joy!

(Col. 1:10-11) v g

2. We pray that our children, whom You have called by Your own glory and goodness, will grow in their knowledge of You and be enabled by Your divine power to receive everything they need for living a godly life.

(2 Pet.1:3)

3. We pray for each one to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. We pray that they would put on the full armor of God, so that they can take their stand against every one of the devil's schemes. **(Eph. 6:10-13)**
4. We pray that our children will know that Jesus is the light of the world. “Whoever follows Him will never walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.” **(John 8:12)**
5. We pray that our children will wisely accept the Salvation You offer to all people. May they receive Your wisdom and the grace to say NO to

ungodliness and worldly passions, and live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age. (from **Titus 2:11-12**)

6. We pray that our sons and daughters will be strong and courageous; that they will not be afraid or discouraged. May they always know that You, Father God, are always with them wherever they go. (**Joshua 1:9**)

7. Open up the eyes of our children's understanding to comprehend that only Jesus Christ can satisfy their longings. "Let anyone who is thirsty come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." (**John 7:37-38**)

8. Help them to understand that they have a Savior who has been tempted in every way, just as they have; who understands their weaknesses; who stands in the gap for them; intercedes for them -- so they can boldly approach God's throne of grace with confidence to receive mercy and find grace to help in their time of need. (**Hebrews 4:15-16**)

9. Grant each of our children the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation so they may know You better.

May the eyes of their hearts be enlightened in order to know:

- the hope to which You have called them
 - the riches of Your glorious provisions they have in Christ
 - the greatness of Your power that works inside them as they believe.
- (**Ephesians 1:17-19**)

10. We ask for wisdom and direction in raising our children and thank You for Your forgiveness, and daily help.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (**James 1:5**)

11. **We pray**

- That our children will know the scriptures, which are able to make them wise through faith in Christ.
- That they will receive the word of God in all its profit for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in God's ways.
- That they be complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- That You will stand at their side and strengthen them so that the message of Christ will be proclaimed through them and Your plan and purpose for their lives may be fully accomplished.
- That You will deliver them from every evil work and preserve them for Your kingdom. (**2 Timothy 3:15-17**)

12. We look to You as a family for help to have God-pleasing priorities. May we and our children be lovers of God and of others; be humble, obedient, thankful, holy, kind, tender-hearted, forgiving, self-controlled, speakers of truth and grace, faithful and loyal, meek, empowered by godliness and always pursuing what pleases You, our Heavenly Father.

13. We earnestly pray for each child-- may they be found doing Your will, serving and glorifying You, our Heavenly Father, with complete devotion and clear conviction.

- Equip them with the good things they need to do Your will and be enabled to stand firm and mature. (**Colossians 4, Hebrews 13:20**)

14. As parents we ask that the Peace of Christ would rule in our hearts, and the word of Christ richly dwell within each of us, so that with all wisdom we might teach and admonish with the right attitude, always with thankfulness in our hearts. (**Colossians 3:15-16**)

15. **These children are Your workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works that You prepared for them --may they walk in them.**
- Thank You, Father God, for calling them through Your grace
 - setting apart each one from the beginning of their lives for the purpose You have for them.
 - May Christ be revealed in them so they might present Him and Your truth with boldness and confidence every day of their lives.
16. We pray that Your grace will abound to our children so that they may always have sufficiency and abundance in everything for every good work - at home, at school, at work, at church - everywhere they go and in everything they do. **(Ephesians 2:10)**
17. **May our children be saturated every day with Your love that**
- never fails
 - is patient and kind
 - is never envious, nor boastful, nor proud
 - is not rude nor self-seeking, nor easily angered
 - that bears up in hard times
 - that is ever-ready to believe the best of others
 - that never fades under any circumstance **(1 Corinthians 13)**
18. **We pray You will strengthen our children out of Your glorious riches with power through Your Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in each of their hearts through faith. May they be rooted and established in love; have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is! May they receive Your steadfast love that surpasses knowledge, that they may be filled with the fullness of God (Eph. 3:16-19)**
19. **Fill our sons and daughters with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that they may always**
- walk in a manner worthy of You in all respects
 - bear fruit in every good work and

- increase in the knowledge of God
 - Be strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might
 - and attain steadfastness and patience
 - while joyously giving thanks always to You, the Father, who has qualified them to share in the glorious inheritance of the saints in light.
- (Colossians 1:9-12)**

20. **We pray that our children's love may increase and abound in real knowledge and all discernment, so that**

- they may approve the things that are excellent
- be filled with the fruits of righteousness that comes through Christ
- be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ
- And bring glory and praise to You, their Heavenly Father **(Philippians 1:9-11)**