

How to Pray for Your Children and Grandchildren

1. That they will know Christ as Savior early in life.

"You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15, NLT)

2. That they will have a hatred for sin.

"You who love the Lord, hate evil! He protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked." (Psalm 97:10, NLT)

3. That they will love righteousness and right living.

"As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should!" (Psalm 119:7, NLT)

4. Protect them from the evil one: spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially.

"I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one." (John 17:15, NLT)

5. That they have a responsible attitude and spirit of excellence in all they do.

"Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire." (Daniel 6:3, NLT)

6. That they will respect those in authority over them.

"Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God." (Romans 13:1, NLT)

7. That they will desire righteous friends and be protected from the wrong friends.

"My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them! They may say, "Come and join us. Let's hide and kill someone! Just for fun, let's ambush the innocent!" (Proverbs 1:10-11, NLT)

8. That they will be kept from the wrong mate and directed to the right one.

"Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14, NLT)

"Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."" (Genesis 2:18, NLT)

9. That they, as well as the one they marry, will remain pure before and after marriage.

"Run from sexual sin!...Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself," (1 Corinthians 6:18-19, NLT)

"Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage..." (Hebrews 13:4, NLT)

10. That they will learn to submit completely to God and actively resist Satan in all circumstances.

"So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7, NLT)

11. That they will be single-hearted, willing to be sold out to Jesus Christ.

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—... Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2, NLT)

12. That they will be hedged in so they cannot find their way to wrong people or wrong places and that the wrong people cannot find their way to them.

"For this reason I will fence her in with thornbushes. I will block her path with a wall to make her lose her way." (Hosea 2:6, NLT)