



Praying for Your Children



There are so many things we want to do for our children—feed, educate, instruct, love, correct, protect, guide, and so many more. Yes, it seems overwhelming! But there is one thing that is so important but often gets put on the back burner for more pressing issues...and that is prayer. We fall exhausted into bed at night and wonder how we can add one more thing, but talking to God about our children every day is our highest privilege! What to do?

Pray the Word. Everything in God’s Word is true, and over 7,000 promises in the Word of God are our inheritance and He’s faithful to all of them (2 Peter 1:4). Moms in Prayer is an organization devoted to helping moms pray for their children and their schools. Go to their website (www.momsinprayer.org) for tons of ideas on praying God’s Word for your child. Find a Bible verse and pray it; here are a few to get you started: Ephesians 1:17-19, 3:16-19, Philippians 1:9-11, Colossians 1:9-11)

Pray believing. God’s plan for your child is for good and He is continuing to work in their lives. Mark 9:23-24 reminds us of the man praying for his son and asked Jesus to help him even in his unbelief.

Pray all day (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Pray for yourself. Ask God to work on you—not just your kids.

Pray and then look for ways to show love. Put some legs to your prayers. Marlae Gritter said that every Tuesday (just after she met with a group of women to pray) she would write each of her two daughters a note that said, “Today this is what I prayed for you” with a Bible verse. Then she looked for ways to SHOW them her deep love also (1 John 3:18).

Ask others to join you in praying. It’s a privilege not only for a mom to pray for her children, but for others in the body of Christ to regularly lift up those children in prayer.

Never give up! There is a spiritual battle going on in the lives of our children and we must continue to pray even when we don’t see immediate “results.” We must continue praying and believing (Galatians 6:9).

“Your prayers will shape the destiny of your family for generations to come.”

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