



10 Prayer Topics to Pray for Your Kids

(When You Aren't Sure How to Pray)



“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4

I love being a mom. And like most moms, I've always wanted what's best for my children. I remember not long after I became a Christian, all I could think of was how desperately I wanted to see them have hearts that longed for the Living God.

In 3 John 1:4, John's joy overflowed as he watched his beloved Gaius living out loud for God. He may have been talking about his spiritual children, **but I believe John's words echo in the heart of every Christian mother who desperately desires to see her children walking in the truth.**

Oswald Chambers once said, “Prayer is the greater work.”

The topic guides below are designed to help moms be more intentional and specific as we seek to do the greatest work a mother can do...and that is to incessantly intercede on behalf of our children.

1. **Pray With Urgency:** We have no idea what tomorrow holds for us or for our children. So pray now. Fervently pray for your children. Pray that God would be their Shield and Defender and let your prayers become road blocks for the enemy.
2. **Pray With Wisdom:** So often we don't know how to deal with certain circumstances in our children's lives...but God does. Ask Him for wisdom and then pray for your children according to the wisdom He gives you. If

you see an area of weakness in their lives, begin to intercede for victory in that area and wisdom to know how to parent them through it.

3. **Pray For Their Spiritual Needs:** Salvation is their primary need, so passionately pray for it. Pray for protection, direction and a heart after God. Pray they will always have eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart to believe. Pray they will be strong in the spirit and in the power of His might.
4. **Pray For Their Emotional Needs:** Pray for their emotional well being. Pray they will be strong without being hard; that they will be tender, without being weak; that they will understand their value in the sight of God; that they will not be quickly angered; that they will not hold grudges; that they will live and love well.
5. **Pray For Their Physical Needs:** Pray for their health. Pray for their eating and exercise habits. Pray they would not have addictive behaviors.
6. **Pray For Their Friends:** Pray God would surround them with people who will strengthen their faith, encourage their walk with God and hold them accountable.
7. **Pray For Their Parents:** Yes, pray for yourself - that you would be the parent(s) to your children that God calls you to be - that you would understand them, see their weaknesses, sins and needs, and would know how to walk them through each season of their childhood. That you would be a consistently godly example in word and deed.
8. **Pray For Their Future Spouse:** Pray for the one God is preparing for your child. Pray for their salvation, their character and that they would truly love your child and be a godly and faithful spouse – and that they would be a good and godly parent to your grandchildren.
9. **Pray For Your Prodigal:** Your heart may be breaking because your children are far from God and everything they know to be right and good. I know how hard this unwanted journey is and I want to encourage you with everything I have to keep praying. Don't give up; don't grow weary; don't be angry; don't lose faith; don't lose heart...keep praying. Drag that child's heart to the altar of the Living God every day - lay them at the feet of the Savior - claim God's Word over their lives. You pray like no one else will.

You can't quit! I know it's hard. I know you're frustrated and I know your heart hurts like crazy. But God is a miracle working God and His arm is not slack that it cannot save. He alone is able to make beauty out of the ashes of your prodigal's life. Hold on in prayer, my sister and live your life face down in intercession for your children. *Because if you won't - who will?*

10. **Pray like crazy! Pray without ceasing.** Never stop. You may not see the Lord working in their lives today, but keep praying. Perhaps their character isn't what it should be. Keep praying. Maybe they have a big decision to make. Keep praying. They may be facing overwhelming peer pressure. Keep praying. You may see areas need, areas of lack, areas of weakness, areas of doubt...keep praying.

Never stop standing in the gap. Keep doing the greater!



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