

# CONFIDENT PRAYERS

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USING SCRIPTURE TO PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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*CONFIDENT PRAYERS: Using Scripture to Pray For Your Children*

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## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

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*W*hat kinds of prayers do you pray for your children? Is it a challenge to know how to pray?

I often get stuck in the routine of only praying for the immediate needs of my kids. I pray for a situation that is currently challenging, or an event that is coming up.

Honestly, my prayers "for my children" are usually all about me! "Lord, help ME to have wisdom, help ME to have patience, help ME not get angry with them."

There is absolutely NOTHING wrong with those prayers! God wants us to take all our challenges and requests and frustrations before him.

But how often do we pray for the SPIRITUAL needs of our children? How often do we pray for their hearts?

I want to ask BIG things for my children. Not only do I want to pray for their immediate needs, but also for the eternal condition of their hearts. I want them to know God

deeply and to make his love known to the world around them. I imagine you want the same for your children!

This book is a collection of prayers taken straight from the Bible. Most are prayers that the Apostle Paul prayed for the believers in the early church. These prayers will help you use the actual words of the Bible to pray back to God.

At the beginning of each short chapter, you will find these prayers in their original form, from the New Living Translation of the Bible (NLT). In the second part of each chapter, I have included a paraphrased version of the scripture verses, written as a personal prayer that you can pray for your own children.

I recommend using this book as a daily guide to help you pray for your children. First, read the scripture passage, then read the accompanying prayer. I have used the word "children" but you can substitute the individual name of your child.

There are ten prayers in this book, so if you pray for your children for five out of seven days in a week, this book will last for two weeks of prayer time. Then you can start over again at the beginning!

Keep this ebook on your phone or another mobile device. When you're waiting in the pick-up line, or waiting at the doctor's office, you can open it up and say a prayer for your child!

(Bonus: These are great prayers to pray for your spouse as well!)

**I John 5:14-15** "And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for."

**Ephesians 3:12** "Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence."

So brothers and sisters, let us boldly bring our children before the throne of our gracious God. Let's not give up or grow weary in doing the work of prayer that God has called us to do!





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## A PRAYER FOR POWER AND LOVE

EPHESIANS 3:14-20 (NLT)

*“When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.*

*“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.*

*“Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.*

*“May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

*“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”*



### A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN

Father, I am on my knees and I pray to you. You are the creator of heaven and earth! Your resources have no end! Father, I pray for my children that you would give them inner strength through the power of your Holy Spirit. I pray that Christ would live in their hearts and that they would trust him more and more each day. May they be grounded in your love, O God. Keep their faith strong in you!

Father, give them your power to understand how incredible your love is for them. Your love is wider than the widest desert, longer than the longest river, higher than the highest mountain and deeper than the deepest sea. Oh Lord, we can never fully grasp how great your love is for us, but I pray that my little ones might be able to experience even just a taste of your never-ending love for them.

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As my little ones grow in your love, I thank you that you are working to make them complete in you. Fill them up with all the fullness of life that can only come from you. God, I give you all the glory! Your power is working in me and in my children. I know you can do so much more than I could ever even dare to dream. We give you all the glory forever!



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## A PRAYER FOR WISDOM AND ENDURANCE

COLOSSIANS 1:9-11 (NLT)

*“We have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.*

*“Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.*

*“We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father.*

*“He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.”*



### A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN

**G**racious Father, I don't ever want to stop praying for my little ones. I ask you, Lord, to give them wisdom and discernment, so that they will know you better, and understand how you want them to live. May their lives always honor and please you, Lord. Please produce in them your godly character. (I know that you are the only one who can produce fruit in their lives!) Lord, help them to grow to know you more and more each day.

Lord, your power is glorious! Please use your power to strengthen my children. Give them endurance and patience as they learn to follow you. Fill them with your joy! You are the only source of true joy. Please, teach them to be thankful. You have done so much for us. You have invited us into your kingdom of light and you have adopted us as your own children.

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Thank you for rescuing me from the kingdom of darkness and bringing me into the kingdom of your son Jesus! I pray that these little ones of mine might also experience the freedom and forgiveness that can only be found in you.



A PRAYER FOR BLESSING AND  
PROTECTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26 (NLT)

*“May the Lord bless you and protect you.*

*May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.*

*May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.”*



A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN

Lord, I pray that you would bless my children! You have told us in your word that, in Christ, we are blessed with every spiritual blessing: You have chosen us to be your beloved children, you have adopted us into your family, you have made us holy and blameless in your sight. We have redemption through the blood of Jesus, and forgiveness for all our sins! You have extravagantly poured out your grace to us. You have given us an inheritance in your kingdom, and you have given us the Holy Spirit, as a guarantee of your promises to us! (Ephesians 1).

Father, I boldly ask your protection for my children. Protect their hearts and their minds from evil influences. Protect their little bodies from disease. I know that in this world we will face trials and troubles. But I also know that your love never fails. We will never walk through anything on our own. Give me strength to praise you in whatever situation you may bring into our lives and may your name be glorified through it all.

Lord, will you pour out your grace on my children? They are sinful little creatures, just like I am. We are all in need of your grace, day by day. Give them grace to be kind to others, give them grace to show honor to their parents, give them grace to choose what is right and what is best, and give them grace to live their lives for your glory.

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Show your favor to them, Lord, and above all, give them your abundant peace. The peace that you give is beyond our understanding. It flows into the most unsettling of situations. It fills up the deepest, darkest cracks of our souls. No matter what difficulties my children may face or what disasters they may fear, let your peace rule in their hearts.



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A PRAYER FOR HARMONY  
AND HOPE

ROMANS 15:5-6, 13 (NLT)

*“May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ....*

*“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”*





### A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN

**G**od, I pray that you would give patience and encouragement to my children. Help them to live together in harmony, not only with each other, but also with those around them.

Our natural, sinful tendency is to be selfish and only think of ourselves. Help my children to be aware of the needs of others and to show humility when they don't always agree. I pray that we would be united with one voice as we give praise and glory to you, God.

God, you are our source of hope! I pray that you would fill my children completely with joy and peace because they trust in you. May they overflow with confident hope through the power of your Holy Spirit.



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A PRAYER FOR INSIGHT AND  
UNDERSTANDING

EPHESIANS 1:15-19 (NLT)

*“Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God’s people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you.*

*“I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.*

*“I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.*

*“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him.”*



### A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN

**G**racious God, I thank you for the precious gifts you have given me in my children! I am eternally grateful for these blessings you have given me. Will you strengthen their faith in you? Give them your love in their hearts so that they will know how to love others well.

God, give me the strength to never stop praying for my children. I ask that you would give them spiritual wisdom and insight so that they can understand the confident hope you have given to us. We are your holy people, your glorious inheritance!

Please help my own children to understand how incredibly great your power is - and that it's available to all of us who believe in you!

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## A PRAYER FOR PURITY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

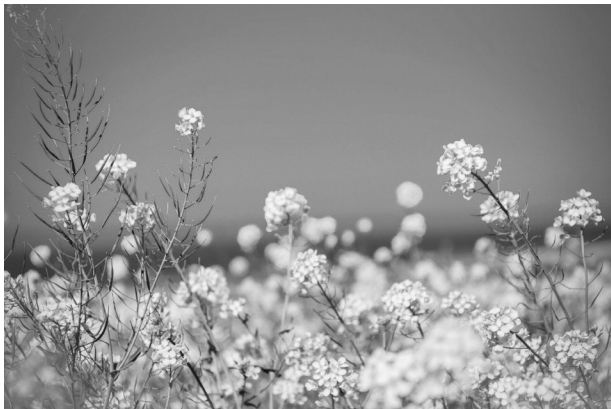
PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6, 9-11 (NLT)

*“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.*

*“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

*“I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return.*

*“May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.”*



### A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN

Oh God, I can't help but praise you, every time I think about these sweet little ones you have given to me. I have joy in my heart whenever I pray for them!

God, I know that you are working in their little hearts, to make them more like you. Please continue the good work that you have started! I know you're not finished with them yet. I trust that you will be faithful to finish the work that you are doing in their hearts and lives.

Father, I pray that their love for you and for others would overflow more and more. Help them to keep growing in knowledge and understanding of you. Help my children to understand what's really important in life - give them wisdom to make good choices. Keep them pure and blameless as they live for you.

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God, fill them up with the fruit that comes from experiencing your salvation. I know that you are the only one who can produce this fruit of righteous character in their hearts. May their little lives bring much glory and praise to you, Lord!



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A PRAYER FOR COMPASSION  
AND HOLINESS

I THESSALONIANS 3:9-13 (NLT)

*“How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God’s presence. Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith.*

*“May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon. And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows.*

*“May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.”*





### A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN

**G**od, I cannot express to you how thankful I am for the precious babes you have given to me. I am filled with such joy because of them! God, I earnestly pray for these little ones, both day and night. I pray that you would use me to fill in the gaps in their faith. Give me wisdom to know how to teach them about you. Give me grace to know how to love them, and to show them your perfect love.

God, will you fill them up with your love so that it will overflow into the lives of those around them? Help them to love each other and to show kindness to each other. May their hearts be filled with your compassion so that they can be a blessing to others.

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Father, make their little hearts strong, blameless, and holy so that they can stand in your presence, unashamed. We look forward to when you will come again!

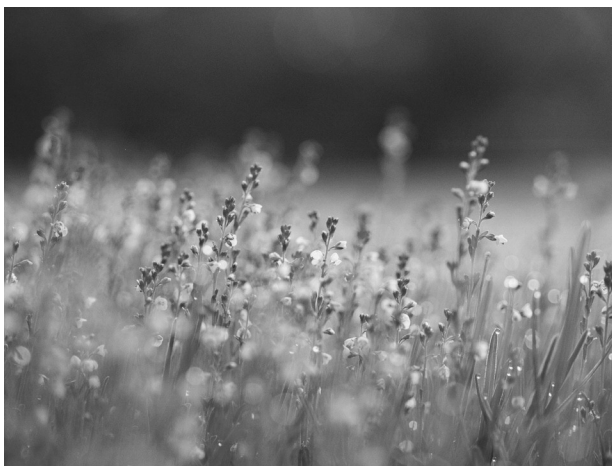


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## A PRAYER FOR PEACE AND INNOCENCE

I THESSALONIANS 5:23-24 (NLT)

*“Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.”*



## A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN

God, you are the God of peace. No matter what trials may come, may your peace rule in our hearts. I pray for my children, that you would make them holy in every way. Conform them to the image of your son. Keep them blameless and innocent, Lord. Protect their little hearts. Continue to do your work of sanctifying their body, mind, and soul. You are faithful, God! I trust that you will make this happen!

Lord, I know many days I may not see any progress in their hearts at all. There are days that I just feel like giving up. But Lord, you never give up on us. You have promised to be faithful and to finish the work that you have begun. Help me not to lose heart. Help me to trust that you are using me to influence and impact my children for your Kingdom and your glory.



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## A PRAYER FOR EXCELLENCE AND HONOR

II THESSALONIANS 1:11-12 (NLT)

*“So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.*

*“Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.”*



## A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN

**G**od, I have not stopped praying for my precious children. I ask that you would give them the power and ability to live a life worthy of your holy calling. Give them strength to do all the good things that you have prepared for them to do. Oh Lord, may the name of Jesus be honored and glorified because of the way they live their lives!

I pray that they would strive for excellence in all they do. We want you to receive all the glory. We know that none of this is possible without the amazing grace that you have given us through Jesus Christ.



## A PRAYER FOR COMFORT AND STRENGTH

II THESSALONIANS 2:16-17 (NLT)

*“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,  
who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a  
wonderful hope, comfort you and strengthen you in every good  
thing you do and say.”*



## A PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN

Father, it's amazing how you love us! By your grace you have given us everlasting comfort and a wonderful hope. Please comfort and strengthen my children in every good thing they do and say today.

Lord, we need your comfort, your grace, and your hope every day! The worries and anxieties of life are constantly wearing upon us. The fears and failures of this world never abandon us. And yet, in your kindness, you have given us the wonderful hope of eternal life with you! What greater comfort do we have than this?

When my children are sad or afraid, please comfort them. When my children are anxious or worried, remind them of your presence. When my children face rejection, or disappointment, or discouragement, let them know that you are with them. You will never leave them. They will never be separated from your love for them.





## FOR YOU, MOMMA

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*F*riends, being a mom can be exhausting. All day long you give yourself - your time, your energy, your emotions, even your very body - for these little ones that only ever want more of you.

Some days are full of so much joy, and others are filled with so much exhaustion that you just want to crawl under your bed (yes, I said *under*) and stay there the rest of the day. (I wonder how long until they actually miss me? Yeah, about two minutes).

You wonder if what you are doing even matters to these little lives that you have been given. This God-given responsibility to raise these children can feel so overwhelming most days!



*Am I doing this right? Am I making a difference? Am I ruining my kids? Will they be in therapy for the rest of their adult lives because of me?*

I have felt (and do feel) all of these things. But I want to encourage you, *momma*, and remind myself as well.



I Corinthians 15:57-58 (ICB) says:

***"But we thank God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. So, my dear sisters, stand strong. Do not let anything move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord. You know that your work in the Lord is never wasted."***

Many days I feel like I am victorious in absolutely nothing. Between keeping up with housework, keeping my kids alive, and running a small business, there are very few days that I feel like I have done any one of those things well. I'm sure you moms can relate!

This verse, however, reminds me that, although I may not feel very victorious on the daily, I have been given victory *in Jesus* because of his death on the cross. Because Jesus died, rose again and conquered death, I too can have victory through him!

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I love the second part of the verse and I think it's especially fitting for moms of young children...

Stand strong! Don't let anything throw you off course! Always give your whole heart to the work that God has given you to do. Why? Because the work you do for the Lord is never wasted.

God will take your feeble efforts and your half-baked lasagna, your piles of dirty laundry and your sticky-faced children, and he will make something beautiful out of your life. Because that's what he does.



He paints beauty out of your ugly. He creates order out of your chaos. He makes perfection out of your broken.

You can take all your mess and all your questions and all your exhaustion to him. Keep doing the good work that God has called you to do. He promises you that it will not be wasted.

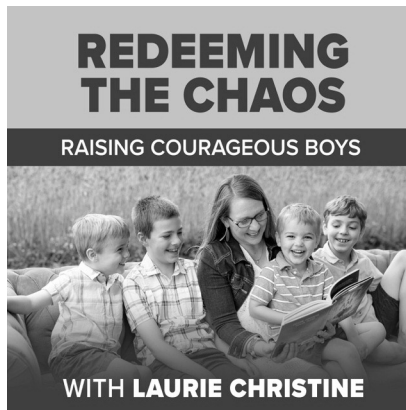




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