



Prayer

Matters

*Praying
for your
Children*





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Maybe this is day one on your new adventure as a mom. Don't be scared. God entrusted you with this new and precious gift, no one else. I used to remind my children that they could have been born anywhere, but this this is the home God chose just for them.

You will soon discover that your new little human has a mind of his own. It will not take long for her to show the personality that is inside. Some show a lot about themselves before they ever leave a delivery room.

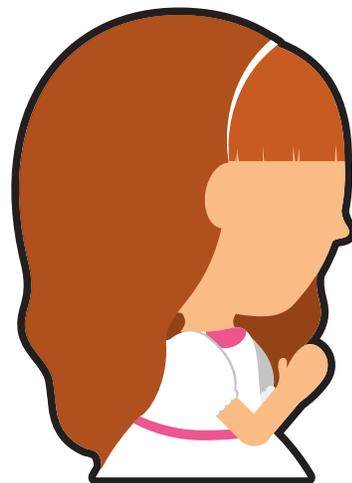
Others wait till they are about 12-13 years old. I promise that inside of this brand new human is a person that will one day express his own will.

Seize The Day

This was said by a Roman Poet, Horace, but moms should remember this as well.

Although a lifetime seems very long now, it will come very quickly.

Start today committed to praying for your children. They are precious to you, but even more precious to God.



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Daily

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Start each day in prayer for your children. They are going to need it along the way. If you start this early you will develop the habit of praying for them daily.

Pray them them specifically as well. Each child is different and as they age you will see things each one needs to be reminded of very specific things.

Take the time to consider this and begin a prayer life of specific needs for each child.

Some Things Things You Can Pray About

Selfishness

Honesty

Safety

Pride



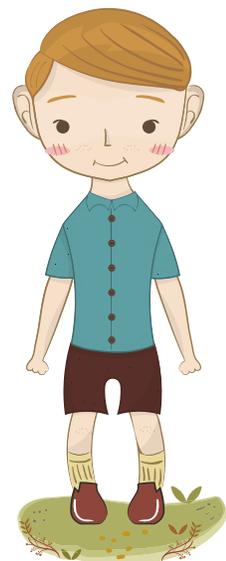
*Bring all your cares
to Him because He
cares for you.
1 Peter 5:6-7*

Praying about their needs

- Prayerfully consider each child. After doing that decide which scripture your child is in most need of.
- Keep a journal of the day you start and a page for each prayer. Use 3x5 index cards with the scripture and prayer written on them. Begin this new prayer journey

My child needs prayer about this,,,,,,

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*Incline not my heart to selfish
gain.
Psalms 119:36*

Selfishness

Prayers for selfishness

Guess what, we are all born selfish. It's just the way we think. If you don't believe this about your newborn baby, put off feeding them for about 10 minutes. Newborns are relentless when it comes to what they want when they want it.

So it should go without saying that we will want to teach unselfishness to our children. It will not come to them naturally. So how will I do that? Newborns are not really the target age for teaching unselfishness, but it will not be long before you can begin this prayer for them and start teaching it a little later.

Selfishness is a matter of the heart and I promise you will find yourself coming back to this prayer time and time again. Dealing with our own selfishness is hard. We can usually see it pretty easily in our own children pretty early.

I remember the first time I heard the words, "mine" in the company of others. It was shocking, but not surprising. I guess I was hoping the selfish part of a child would by pass mine. Boy, was I wrong.



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Psalms 119:36

Selfichness

Acts 20:35

We must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, he said, "It is more blessed to give than receive."

Hebrews 13:2

Do not forget to show hospitality to other, for by doing so some have shown hospitality to others without knowing it.

Selfishness

*Pray the scripture for your child
outloud*

Acts 20:35

Dear Lord,
Help _____ to know that the world is not all about
him/her. Show us ways to give and receive the blessings
you promise from giving freely and in love.

Hebrews 13:2

Father,
Show _____ ways to reach out to others.
Give us the chance to reach out to someone in need and
show hospitality for others.

Honesty

*Things The Lord does hate, a
lying tongue.
Proverbs 6:16*

I had a friend that told my one time, her daughter would lie about anything. If she had gum in her mouth or just about anything. It seemed funny at times, but it would not always seem funny.

If you already see the signs of dishonesty in one of your children then begin praying about that now. It is so easy to see it and so very hard to break it.

Model honesty in every situation of life. There are so many opportunities to be dishonest. Usual it may seem like a very small thing we are not honest about, but it does matter, even in the smallest of things.

God cares about complete obedience and that includes telling the truth at all times, even if it hurts.



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Pray the scripture for your child outloud

Psalms 34:13

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.

1 Peter 3:10

Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.

Honesty

Prayers for dishonesty

Pray the scripture for your child outloud

Psalms 34:13

Dear Lord,

Help _____ to recognize the truth from a lie. Help me to also recognize this so we can call it out and correct it before the lie blossoms.

1 Peter 3:10

Father,

Show _____ the damage that can be done by a lie. Help me to always be truthful and most of all reveal Yourself to my child as The Way, The Truth and The Life.

Courage

*Have I not commanded you
be strong and courageous.
Joshua 1:9*

As my children got older I realized that courage was not something all of them had.

In this world we need courage. There will be times they will have to call upon courage for themselves. We will not always be with our children every moment of the day, but we can pray for them.

Especially in college we should pray for courage in our children. I believe there is no other place they will not be attacked by Satan than college.



*Pray
Specifically*

Courage

Pray the scripture for your child outloud

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be afraid, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed for I am your God.

Courage

pray for courage

Pray the scripture for your child outloud

Joshua 1:9

Dear Lord,

When _____ needs to know you are there please reveal yourself to him/her. Show them how to stand up during difficult times and remember you are there.

Isaiah 41:10

Father,

Show _____ that fear never comes from you. Let him/her understand that fear comes from Satan and the battle can be won with You on their side.

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*Pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:16*

You know your children better than anyone else. Take the time to ask God to reveal to you areas you need to pray about.

Search me Oh God and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in an everlasting way. Psalm 139:23-24

No one knows us or our children better than God. Spend time in prayer and pray that God will reveal the prayers you need to have for your children.

Make your 3x5 cards and take them with you everywhere you go. Prayer can happen anywhere you can bow your head or speak to God, the car, a park and even at lunch.

Pray specifically and pray consistently.

