

# Here are 12 great things to pray for your kids.

1. Pray that nothing would hinder your child from accepting Christ as their personal Saviour early in life.

*Matthew 19:14: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

2. Pray that your child will learn to know their God, the true and living God, and will have a deep desire to do God's will for their lives.

*Psalms 119:34-35: Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.*

3. Pray that as your child hears stories from the bible, a genuine love for God and His word will become such a part of their life that it will be the basis for all their decision making throughout life.

*2 Timothy 3:15: From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

4. Pray that your child will respect those in authority over them. Pray that they will be caught when guilty.

*Ephesians 6:1-3: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honour your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise, "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."*

5. Pray that your child will increase in wisdom (mentally), and in stature (physically), and in favour with God (spiritually) and people (socially).

*Luke 2:52: And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*

6. Pray that God will protect your child from Satan and his wiles in every area of their life.

*John 17:15: Jesus said: 'My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.'*



7. Pray that your child will develop a healthy sexuality. That they will rely on God's direction in choosing a husband/wife and that God will keep them from making wrong choices.

*2 Corinthians 6:14-17: What fellowship can light have with darkness? ....Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.*

8. Pray that your child will develop a thankful heart and a positive mental attitude.

*Romans 8:31: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

9. Pray that your child will develop a keen sense of what is right and wrong, that they will hate what is evil and cling to what is good.

*Psalms 139:23-24: Search me, 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 the way everlasting.*

10. Pray that God would destroy the enemies in your child's life, whatever they may be, (weaknesses, lying, selfishness, disobedience, fear, pride etc).

*Psalms 18:2-3: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I called to the Lord....and I have been saved from my enemies.*

11. Pray that your child will have a strong sense of belonging to a family that is loving and dwells together in unity.

*Colossians 3:12-14: As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other... forgive one another .... Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

12. Pray that their entire life will be a testimony of the greatness and love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Thessalonians 5:23: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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*The source of these prayers is uncertain. If anyone knows who wrote them we'll happily add their name.*

*David and I (Becky) have prayed these things for our kids, for those they would marry, and now for our grandchildren for about 30 years. Each day we pray(ed) one of these 12 prayers for them.*

