

Praying for Your Children and Grandchildren

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Ephesians 6:18

This scripture teaches us that there are different kinds of prayers. There's the prayer of faith (Mark 11:24), a prayer of agreement (Matthew 18:19), a prayer of consecration and dedication (Matthew 26:36-45), and a prayer of intercession (1 Timothy 2:1-5,8).

We're to pray for the leaders of our nation and intercede on behalf of our nation. Intercessory prayer takes a lot of time, work and effort on our part. Abraham interceded for Sodom and Gomorrah, and was able to get God to spare Lot and his children (Genesis 19:29).

Do you have children or grandchildren? If you do, you want to intercede for them every day and night, because as parents, one of the biggest responsibilities we have is interceding for our children and grandchildren.

...I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me...Ezekiel 22:30

The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9:37,38

Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. Acts 11:14

...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31

...for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. Isaiah 49:25

The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.
Psalm 115:14

You can see from the Word that God wants your children to be saved. He does not want them to go to hell, or be manipulated or controlled by Satan. In fact, He doesn't even want Satan to touch them: **We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.** 1 John 5:18

As a parent, you don't want any harm to come to your children. God is our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ, and He doesn't want Satan to harm us in any way by coming to steal, kill and destroy *spiritually, physically, emotionally or financially*. So, there's nothing more important that you can do for your children than praying and interceding for them each day.

When we pray and intercede, it gives God access to work on our behalf, and on behalf of those we intercede for. You surround your children with intercessory prayer because you want them to be saved, born again, spirit filled, obeying God and following Jesus all their lives. Pray the 91st

Psalm over them, bind the devil from them and tell Satan he can't have your children. You want to do all you can to build a hedge of protection around your children and grandchildren through prayer, intercession, praying the Word, pleading their case, and decreeing and speaking faith filled words about and for them.

You start out by praying in English for what you're aware of, by praying the Word over them and about them. Then, put in some quality time praying in the spirit, which is praying in tongues: **Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.** Romans 8:26-28

It's Your Job Alone to Teach Them, & Pray and Intercede for Them

You must be relentless in interceding for your children and loved ones. It's something you'll need to do the rest of your life while you are on this earth, no matter how spiritual or godly you think your children are. Look at it this way: no one is going to intercede for your children more than you are. This is not something you leave for someone else to do.

If your children are little and still in your household, teach them the Word, teach them how to pray, walk in love and obey the Holy Spirit. And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt

teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. Deuteronomy 6:5-9

If your children are already grown, just keep standing in the gap for them by interceding and pleading their case. *If they are saved and born again*, pray that they grow and develop spiritually and that they are following Jesus all the days of their lives. *If they are not saved or born again*, pray and ask God to send forth laborers across their lives.

If your children are in sin and need forgiveness and deliverance, pray God's Word over them, bind the devil and his influences over them. If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 1 John 5:16

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 2 Corinthians 4:3,4

We can see that Satan blinds people's minds from receiving Jesus Christ, but praying the Word over your children and loved ones, as well as praying in the Holy Ghost helps God to move on behalf of your children. If you don't pray, God can't work, and the will of God will not be consummated. We're not talking about a little '*God bless my children*' prayer, or a worried, fretful, panic prayer, because that's not going to move God, neither is it going to run the devil off.

This is a continuous standing in the gap and making up a hedge of prayer. This is you praying the spoken Word, where you are taking your voice and speaking God's Word in a prayer form to God, and interceding and praying in tongues. I'm talking about praying until you get results, and until you get Satan to leave and God to move.

Intercessory prayer is very serious business. God needs us to intercede so He can work out everything for our good, and if you intercede enough, He will, because He said He would. If you'll do verse 26 and 27 of Romans 8, God will do verse 28, but He won't do verse 28 until you've done verse 26 and 27 (See scripture on page 1, column 2, at bottom). In other words, if you don't intercede, it's not going to work out for your good, or for your children's good.

Interceding for your loved ones should not be hit or miss. This is a daily prayer life. Prayer is labor. **Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.**
Colossians 4:12

1 Thessalonians 1:2: **We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;**

The Apostle Paul was always interceding for his spiritual children. We're to do the same for our children, our loved ones and others. It is God's will that your whole household become born again, and that includes your children, and it will never happen if you don't pay the prayer price. God shows us in His Word that He wants everyone saved, and He also teaches us that we are never to stop praying: **Pray without ceasing.** 1 Thessalonians 5:17

A Word of Encouragement: No matter how things may seem, appear or look, whether they are good, bad or indifferent, **always** speak the Word over your children. **Keep** speaking the Word over them, praising and thanking God that your children are saved, delivered, and following Jesus. It's important that you always stay in faith and never say anything negative about your children that you wouldn't want to come to pass. Satan will tell you that they are never going to be saved or serve God, but it's your responsibility to counter those words by saying, "*Satan, you're a liar, for it is written...*" and quote Matthew 18:18 and tell him he's bound from your children in Jesus' Name. You want to use everything that God gave you in His Word to intercede on behalf of your children. Satan wants them, and it's your job to stand against him, in Jesus' Name. No matter how your children conduct themselves, always pray the Word over them, speak over them, and praise God that they are protected, healed, whole, saved and delivered. Always tell Satan he can't have them or touch them. Below is a copy of my prayer sheet, "**A Prayer for My Children.**" If you have one child, just change the word "children" to "child" and if you are praying for your grandchildren, replace the word "children" with "grandchildren" and adjust all the **them/they/their** to **he/him/his/she/her**, or to whatever words fit the child/children you're praying for. Either way, you want to pray the following pages at least once a day out loud, and if you have any serious problems with your children, pray these prayers, confessions and scriptures three times a day, and try to put an hour a day into praying in the spirit (Matthew 26:40,41). **Be the one that stands in the gap for your children, and don't neglect your responsibility to pray and intercede!** - Your Word of faith pastor, **Pastor Jesse Rich**

A Prayer for My Children

Read Out Loud Daily for Results

Ezekiel 22:30: ... I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me...

Mark 11:23: For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Romans 4:17: (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Philippians 4:6: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

A S c r i p t u r a l F a i t h C o n f e s s i o n :

Father God, I come to You today to pray and intercede on behalf of my children. By faith, I thank You that they have dedicated themselves to serve You all their healthy, prosperous, victorious lives, for it is You Who works in them both to will and do Your Good pleasure! I want to thank You

for saving, protecting, loving, forgiving, and delivering them, in Jesus' Name.

I thank You for the Holy Spirit, Who daily guides my children and imparts wisdom to them, revealing the importance of following Jesus every day of their lives, as well as having a personal relationship with Him. I decree that my children are born again, spirit filled, and bold witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that my children always know where they are supposed to be, **and go there**; what they're supposed to do **and do it**; who they're supposed to be with or not be with and **obey those promptings**, because they're filled with the Holy Spirit and led by the Inward Witness (Romans 8:14-16; 1 John 5:9,10; Proverbs 3:5,6).

I pray that every moment of their lives, they're at the right place at the right time, and if anyone or anything is in their lives that is not of You, Father God, You remove those influences from my children. Thank You, God, for giving them the right friends, the right spouse and the right relationships.

I decree that my children have a hunger for God's Word and are doers of the Word; that they grow and develop spiritually and love You with all their hearts, according to Matthew 22:37: **...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

I thank You that they are redeemed from all sickness, disease, poverty and lack, and are delivered from all sins and every work of Satan.

I pray that my children always know the difference between good and evil, and never fall into any of Satan's snares, devices or traps.

T a k i n g A u t h o r i t y o v e r S a t a n

Satan, I come against you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I bind You from my children. You can't have them. I break your power and influence over their lives, in Jesus' Name! You can't touch my children. I have authority over you, for it is written in Matthew 18:18: Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. You can't put anything on my children; you can't hurt them or harm them in any way. Their circumstances, bodies, minds and thoughts are off limits to you, in Jesus' Name!

God, wherever my children are, I thank You for protecting them, for the angel of the Lord encamps around about them (Ps. 34:7). I thank You for the hedge of protection around my children, which is the **91st Psalm**, and I claim it over their lives:

P s a l m 9 1 :

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. My children will say of the LORD, You are our refuge and our fortress: our God; in You will we trust.

Surely You shall deliver them from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. You shall cover my children with Your

feathers, and under Your wings shall they trust: Your truth shall be their shield and buckler.

They shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand may fall at their side, and ten thousand at their right hand; but it shall not come nigh my children. Only with their eyes shall they behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because my children have made the LORD, Who is my refuge, even the most High, their habitation; There shall no evil befall them, neither shall any plague come nigh their dwelling.

For God shall give His angels charge over them, to keep them in all their ways. They shall bear my children up in their hands, lest they dash their foot against a stone. My children shall tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shall they trample under feet.

Because your children have set their love upon Me, therefore will I deliver them: I will set them on high, because they have known My Name. Your children shall call upon me, and I will answer them: I will be with them in trouble; I will deliver them, and honour them. With long life will I satisfy them, and shew them my salvation.

Prayers Adapted from Ephesians for My Children

I Cease not to give thanks for my children, making mention of them in my prayers; That You, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto them the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You:

The eyes of their understanding being enlightened; that they may know what is the hope of Your calling, and what the riches of the glory of Your inheritance in the saints, And what *is* the exceeding greatness of Your power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of Your mighty power, Which You wrought in Christ, when You raised Him from the dead, and set *Him* at Your own right hand in the heavenly *places*, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

And hath put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, Which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

For this cause I bow my knees unto You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That You would grant to my children, according to the riches of Your glory, to be strengthened with might by Your Spirit in the inner man;

That Christ may dwell in their hearts by faith; that they, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that they might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now unto You Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto You *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Pray this if Your Children are not Born Again:

God, I come to You today in the Name of Jesus, claiming the Salvation of each of my children. I claim by faith that they are saved, delivered, set free and baptized in the Holy Spirit. In the Name of Jesus, I break Satan's power over their lives. He will not keep them from coming into the family of God.

Lord, You said in Your Word, **...Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven** (Matthew 18:18).

Satan, I bind you from my children's lives. You'll not keep my children from receiving Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Jesus gave me ..power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy... You'll not keep the light of the glorious gospel of Christ from shining unto them (Luke 10:19; 2 Corinthians 4:4).

Lord, I ask You to remove from their lives any people or influences that are not supposed to be there, and that distract my children from salvation.

Father God, Your Word says, **...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house** (Acts 16:31). It is written that You

...will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). It is written that You are **...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance** (2 Peter 3:9).

Father, You opened Lydia's heart in Acts 16:14. I believe You will do the same for *my* children. I ask You to send Holy Spirit-led believers across their paths¹ to witness to them, to tell them Words whereby they shall be saved (Acts 1:8, Acts 11:14). I pray that their eyes will be opened to the Truth as they hear Your Word!²

Thank You, Father, for creating the right circumstances for the Word to be planted in their hearts. Laborers are being sent forth to minister unto my children and Holy Ghost conviction is drawing them to You.

I refuse to fear; I have claimed my children for the Kingdom of God in Jesus' Name. I am standing in faith and love for them. I am not moved by what I see or feel; I am only moved by what the Word of God says (2 Cor. 5:7).

Circumstances are subject to CHANGE!³ I have God's Word and it cannot fail. The devil is a liar, and a defeated foe (1 Cor. 2:6, Col. 2:15, Phil. 2:9-11). He cannot prevent the Word of God from reaching my children.

Father, Your Word will not return to You void, but it will accomplish that which pleases You.⁴ I believe You have heard my prayer and have granted my request.⁵ I am rejoicing with confidence, knowing that You are at work in their lives to will and to do Your good pleasure.⁶ Thank

You, Father, that all my children are saved according to Acts 16:31. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

References:

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1:16-19 ³ 2 Corinthians 4:18

² Ephesians

⁴ Isaiah 55:11

⁵ 1 John 5:14,15

⁶ Philippians 2:13

Praying in the Spirit for Your Children:

God, I've prayed in English, (James 4:2, 1 Corinthians 14:15). I've prayed Your Word from Ephesians 1 and 3 over my children, and You said in Romans 8:26-28:

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Father God, I'm going to pray now in the spirit and I trust the Holy Spirit that utterance will be given me of what to pray for my children.

N O T E :

Put some time praying in the Holy Ghost so the Lord can perfect all that concerns your children (Ps. 138:8). Don't neglect your spiritual responsibilities, especially when it comes to your children.

Your children's lives may depend on these prayers and what you speak over them, as well as say about them.

Never let any doubt or unbelief come out of your mouth after you've prayed in faith for them.

So, be persistent and relentless in prayer and in speaking to the devil and taking authority over Satan.

Additional Scriptures to Believe God for Your Children

Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. Acts 11:14

...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Ephesians 6:1-3

The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Psalm 115:14

Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward. As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth. Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. Psalm 127:3-5

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: Isaiah 44:3

...I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. I s a i a h 4 9 : 2 5

And all thy children *shall be* taught of the LORD; and great *shall be* the peace of thy children. Isaiah 54:13

I look forward to sharing with you tomorrow.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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