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Prayers for Your Son or Daughter

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HI FRIEND,

Can I admit something to you?

Sometimes I struggle trusting God with my kids.

There's just something so hard about this for me. Though I have complete faith in God, when it comes down to the nitty-gritty of fully trusting His plans for my kids, I fall short.

I worry.

I get incredibly anxious.

I make lots of suggestions to God on their behalf.

I try to keep things in their world calm, free of hurt and on track toward some "best plan"

I've imagined for them.

Can you relate?

It's like I gather up my people in my arms and tell God: "See? I've got it all worked out.

Now, if You'll just bless all this. Don't mess with it, just bless it. Then life will be good."

It's something I can find myself struggling with even now that they're all adults.

Like I said, I'm not proud of this.

I could go on a little tangent right here and justify the great love of a mother and how God has woven into our very DNA this fierce desire to protect our children and care for them at all costs. But there's this little prick in my heart because I know how very limited my efforts are. In every way, my efforts are faulty and fragile.

Therefore, I'm learning, slowly, how to grab hold of the only plan that is foolproof with my kids — truly entrusting them to the Lord.

The very best thing a mom can ever do is to recognize only God is good at being God. I'm finally getting this.

I know it's not always easy to release control, sweet friend. But our best job as moms is to be obedient to God. God's job is everything else. That's why I've put together "15 Prayers for Your Daughter" and "15 Prayers for Your Son" to help you in your journey of learning to trust the Lord with your kids.

Praying for you as you pray for your child,

Lysa

15 POWERFUL PRAYERS TO HELP YOU

Fight for the Heart of Your SON

1 Give my son a deep desire to seek You with his whole heart and not stray from Your commands.

PSALM 119:10

3 I pray against pride developing in my son's heart. Lord, help him to gain wisdom by becoming humble instead.

PROVERBS 11:2

5 In this world of so many temptations, help my son to flee from sexual immorality and maintain his purity for his future spouse.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18A

7 May he trust You to shepherd him and provide for him, even when the path makes no sense and he would rather go his own way.

PSALM 23

2 Lord, lead him to pursue paths of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness throughout each part of his life.

1 TIMOTHY 6:11

4 May he turn his eyes away from worthless things, so he can live a life fully dedicated to following You, Jesus.

PSALM 119:37

6 I pray that he will continue to live in You, Jesus, rooted and built up in You, strengthened in faith and overflowing with thankfulness.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

8 Give my son a passion for loving You, Lord, with all his heart, soul, strength and mind. May he also love others in a way that brings glory to You.

LUKE 10:27

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9 Help him to grasp how deep and high and wide and long Your love is for him as You dwell in his heart by faith. Fill him to overflowing with more and more of You.

EPHESIANS 3:17-18

10 Let him find confidence in You, God, even when hard times come and he doesn't know what to do, by keeping his eyes fixed on You.

2 CHRONICLES 20:12

11 Lord, I pray that my son would do the right thing in the face of sin. (James 4:17) May he be a light to those around him and a man who fights to overcome evil with good.

PROVERBS 11:2

12 Keep him alert and aware of the plans and schemes of the enemy, (1 Peter 5:8-9) and help him to stand strong in prayer and the powerful covering of Your armor.

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

13 May he always be quick to turn to You in repentance when he needs to, and may he fully receive Your forgiveness instead of living under the crushing weight of shame.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18A

14 Lord, help him to forgive as he has been forgiven by You so that he can live with a heart swept clean of all bitterness and resentment.

EPHESIANS 4:32; MATTHEW 6:12

15 And may he always remember his weaknesses aren't a bad thing as long as he surrenders them to You and seeks Your strength. Then his weaknesses can be opportunities to see Your mighty power move in his life.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:10



What other passages of Scripture are you praying for your SON?

Write out your own prayers using those verses as a guide in the space below. Here are a few ideas to get you started: Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 12:9; 1 Corinthians 15:33; and Colossians 1:9-14.

15 POWERFUL PRAYERS TO HELP YOU

Fight for the Heart of Your DAUGHTER

1 Give my daughter a deep desire to listen to You, Lord, and pray often, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

JOSHUA 5:14B

3 May she find comfort in Your ability, God, to reach her, hold her and rescue her.

2 SAMUEL 22:17-18

5 May she please You, Lord, by desiring, asking for and utilizing a discerning heart full of wisdom.

1 KINGS 3:9-12

7 Instead of giving in to the pull of anxiety, may she bring every worry and fear to you in prayer. And may Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard her heart and mind in You, Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

2 Let her learn early in life that to obey You, God, is the best way to the life her heart truly desires.

1 SAMUEL 15:22

4 When she feels abandoned or rejected by others, may she know and trust that You never will leave her or forsake her.

DEUTERONOMY 31:6;
ISAIAH 49:15-16

6 Let her find confidence in You, God, even when hard times come and she doesn't know what to do, by keeping her eyes fixed on You.

2 CHRONICLES 20:12

8 Give her a great desire to accept Your Word, God, and store up Your commands within her so her ears will turn to Your wisdom.

PROVERBS 2:1-2

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- 9** May she keep herself under control and not give full vent to people and situations that anger her.
PROVERBS 29:11
- 10** When her heart is hurting, I pray that You will be the One she turns to for help and healing. May she refuse to allow bitterness, hurt and anger to take up residence in her heart.
PSALM 147:3
- 11** Give her the ability to rise above the traps of people-pleasing so she can be kept safe by trusting You, Lord.
PROVERBS 29:25
- 12** May she not be conformed to the ways of this world, simply going along with the crowd, but instead let her continually renew her mind with Your Word so that she may know Your good, perfect and pleasing will for her life.
ROMANS 12:2
- 13** Surround her with good friends and godly influences who will pray for her and help her grow in grace and wisdom. Remind her to stand on their faith when her own feels shaky.
PROVERBS 13:20; PROVERBS 27:9
- 14** Let her walk in the security of Your assigned worth to her. Give her a strong work ethic and health to accomplish all her tasks. Give her a heart that desires to extend her hand to those in need. Protect her for the right husband, a man of respect and godly honor. And let her be a woman of joy and laughter whose Christ-centered character is what makes her most beautiful.
PROVERBS CHAPTER 31
- 15** And every time You, Jesus, whisper, “Follow Me,” I pray she does so with great grace.
MATTHEW 4:19



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