

Prayer in Our Parenting

1. **Commit** to praying for children.

"Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children." Lamentations 2:19

3 Areas to pray about:

1. The **PAST**
2. The **PRESENT**
3. The **FUTURE**

2. **TEACH** your child to pray.

"Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

3. **MODEL**

"Then choose today whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

4. **CELEBRATE!**

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth". 3 John 1:4

Practical Family Prayers

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Day 1- Praying for your Children

Prayer Activity: God has given you a wonderful gift in your children. Take some time to thank God for the wonderful memories your children have given you. If possible share your memories with your children. **If you do not have children, think of someone who is like a son or daughter to you.*

Day 2- Praying for your Aunts and Uncles

Prayer Activity: God has put people in your life to teach you principles of life. Pray to God thanking them for the lessons they taught you and if available write them a letter thanking them for helping shape who you are today. **If you do not have aunts or uncles, think of someone who is like an aunt or uncle to you.*

Day 3- Praying for your Siblings

Prayer Activity: Make an effort to call your siblings and ask them how you could help. If you do not have the means to help them how they asked, pray to God asking for His help. **If you do not have siblings, think of someone who is like a brother or sister to you.*

Day 4- Praying for your Grandparents

Prayer Activity: Write down a list of memories you have with your grandparents. When you pray thank God for your relationship, lessons learned and your time together. If possible try to share your list of favorite memories with them.

Day 5- Praying for your Cousins

Prayer Activity: Pray for your cousin's health and family and anything else you may think of. After you have prayed those things call them and encourage them. **If you do not have cousins you could use a close friend instead.*

Day 6- Praying for your Spouse

Prayer Activity: Let them know how important they are in your life and pray with them thanking God for everything they have done for you. **If you do not have a spouse, you could use a close friend instead.*

Day 7- Praying for your Parents

Prayer Activity: Read Proverbs 20:7. Think of the important lessons on integrity they have taught you. When you pray thank God for who your parents are and how they helped shaped you to who you are today. Call them and remind them of a time when they showed integrity and you witnessed it.

**If one of your family members has passed away in these instances, take some and thank God for the lessons and the memories you have together.*