

# Lifting My Children Through Prayer

**LORD**, thank you for my children.

I ask your will for them in these things,  
according to your Word.

**Early in life**, fill my children with love for you, that they would love you “with all [their] heart and with all [their] soul and with all [their] mind” (MATTHEW 22:37-40).

**Train my children** to love deeply, sincerely, and sacrificially, seeing and loving others as you do (1 PETER 1:22; 1 JOHN 3:16). Empower me to daily model your love and compassion for them.

**Give my children** love for your Word. Allow them to know and understand it, and to follow it wholeheartedly (PSALM 1:1-3).

**Fill them** “with the knowledge of [your] will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of [you], fully pleasing to [you], bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (COLOSSIANS 1:9-10; SEE ALSO PSALM 90:17 AND JAMES 1:5).

**Compel them** to pray continually (1 THESSALONIANS 5:17), so that they will live and walk by your Spirit (GALATIANS 5:25). Help them to listen to you as Samuel did (1 SAMUEL 3:10).

**Help me** to train my children according to the unique way you’ve designed each one (PROVERBS 22:6; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7; EPHESIANS 2:10).

**Enable me** to commit them to your loving care and control rather than worry about them (PHILIPPIANS 4:6; 1 PETER 5:7).

Give them godly friends (PROVERBS 27:17), that they would “stir up one another to love and good works” (HEBREWS 10:24).

Cause them to be—and to find—a godly spouse (PROVERBS 31:10-12; EPHESIANS 5:25-28), or to glorify you in singleness (1 CORINTHIANS 7:7-8). Keep them sexually pure and honorable (1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20).

Help them to be thankful and content (1 THESSALONIANS 5:18; 1 TIMOTHY 6:6).

Be their shield in mind, heart, and body (PSALM 28:7). Guard them from the evil one (2 THESSALONIANS 3:3).

Grant me wisdom and strength to raise my children in the “discipline and instruction of the Lord” (EPHESIANS 6:4).

Let them be people of great faith: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths” (PROVERBS 3:5-6).

Grant them eternal perspective, “For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal” (2 CORINTHIANS 4:18).

Let your favor rest upon my children (PSALM 90:17).

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

1 JOHN 5:14

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