

Moulton Parish Church

Praying for Children

A monthly prayer diary for use by
parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts
and members of the church family

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Ready to make a difference in the lives of your children?

Children are a gift – an amazing blessing from God. If you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, teacher, mentor in the life of a child then you have the power to make a difference in the world by praying for your children (whatever their age!). If you are a member of the church family without children you can still be involved by praying for children in our Junior Church.

As parents, we can't see everything, be everywhere, or know all that goes on each day in our children's lives, but God can. And we can be assured that He is able to care for our loved ones even better than we can.

Here's how this prayer challenge works. Every day for the next 30 days, you are invited to pray in a specific way for your children. Each day you will have a least one bible verse for you to read and pray over your children. You can start this prayer challenge any day of the month, but it might be easier to start at the beginning of the month, just to keep track of the days. It's ok to miss a day or two, just pick up with the corresponding day and, if you have time, you can go back to the days you've missed. Ready to spend the next month praying for your children?

Day 1

Pray that your children would always know how very much they are loved

I pray that God would make my children aware that He is loving and kind, that He would fill them with faith to believe His words are true, I pray that they would find great confidence in the security of His love for them. Amen.

"Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" John 15 v 13.

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God" 1 John 3 v 1.

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness" Jeremiah 31 v 3.

Day 2

Pray that your children would come to know Christ as Saviour and Lord

I pray that the hearts of my children would be drawn to Him and that they would accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. May they have the desire to walk closely with God and know him as Lord of their lives. Amen.

“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” Romans 10 v 9-10.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3 v 16.

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” John 8 v 32.

Day 3

Pray that your children would have a love and desire for God’s Word

Lord, I pray that my children would have a love and desire for God’s Word, that they would have an unquenchable thirst for truth and that their hearts would be tender towards Him. I pray that God would give them spiritual insight, wisdom, and deep understanding of His commandments. Amen.

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you” Psalm 119 v 11.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth” 2 Timothy 2 v 15.

“The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes” Psalm 19 v 7-8.

Day 4

Pray that God's blessings and favour would surround their lives

I pray that God's face would shine on my children and that He would be gracious unto them and give them peace. Amen.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace" Numbers 6 v 24-26.

"The Lord God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3 v 17.

"May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us, yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalms 90 v 17.

Day 5

Pray that your children would grow in the fruit of the Spirit

Lord, I pray that my children would grow in the fruit of the Spirit and that godly character qualities would be evident in their lives. Holy Spirit, please bring love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control to fill their lives. Amen.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law" Galatians 5 v 22-23.

"But to you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, goodness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6 v 11-12.

"Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2 v 22.

Day 6

Pray for God's protection over them

I pray for God's protection over my children. I pray that God would guard their way, keep their steps secure, cover them from behind, and protect them from evil. May no weapon formed against them prosper. May God be their constant shield and defender and hide them in His powerful presence. Amen.

*"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."
Psalm 91 v 11.*

"The Lord will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" Psalm 121 v 8.

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me, declares the Lord" Isaiah 54 v 17.

Day 7

Pray that your children would be strong and courageous

Lord, may my children be strong and courageous believing that God is always with them. I pray that they would be bold to stand for what is right, even if it means standing alone. Please will you equip them as mighty warriors for His purposes. Amen.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1 v 9.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid because of them, for the Lord God goes with you; He will never leave or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31 v6.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power" Ephesians 6 v 10.

Day 8

Pray that God would give them kind, loving and compassionate hearts

Please give my children kind, loving and compassionate hearts. I pray that they would see the needs of those around them and extend grace and goodness. I pray that He would help them to offer forgiveness to others, knowing how much we need it ourselves. Amen.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4 v 32.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, cloth yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3 v 12-13.

Day 9

Pray that God would give them an awareness of sin

Lord, may you give my children an awareness of sin that they would be quick to confess when they have done wrong, and have the heart to make it right. I pray that they would not walk in condemnation or guilt, but in the freedom and forgiveness of Christ, being wise to learn from mistakes. Amen.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1 v 9.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death” Romans 8 v 1-2.

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” Psalm 51 v 10.

Day 10

Pray that God would surround your children with godly friends and relationships, both now and in the future.

I pray that God would surround my children with godly friends and relationships and that He would guard them from those with wrong motives and harmful influences. I pray for their future spouse, if God may lead them to marry someday (or their current spouse) that He would be at work in their lives in powerful ways. Amen.

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13 v 4-7.

“Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character” 1 Corinthians 15 v 33.

“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?” 2 Corinthians 6 v 14.

Day 11

Pray that your children would find their confidence, self-esteem, and security in Christ, knowing who they are in Him.

Lord, in a world that places great value on outward appearances, please give my children wisdom to know the deeper value of what is on the inside. I pray that they would see as God sees, that they would be drawn to focus on the heart, on internal beauty and strength. Amen.

“The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16 v7.

“Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewellery and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight” 1 Peter 3 v 3-4.

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; I know this full well.” Psalm 139 v 13-14.

Day 12

Pray that your children will walk in humility

I pray that my children would walk in humility and not be drawn to a life of pride or conceit, but would have a deep awareness of their value in Christ and their need for dependence on Him. Amen.

"...to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men." Titus 3 v 2.

"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another. Because, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble'. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. " 1 Peter 5 v 5-6.

"But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble' James 4 v 6.

Day 13

Pray that your children would be wise leaders and influencers in this generation.

Lord, I pray for my children that they would be wise leaders and influencers in this generation, not conformed to the world, but transformed by His power. I pray that God would equip them with all they need to make a difference. Dear God, please help them to live as salt and light in a dark world that desperately needs to know truth. Amen.

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5 v 13-16.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will". Romans 12 v 1-2.

Day 14

Pray that your children will become faithful followers of Christ

I pray that my children would be aware of the importance of following Him above all else. I pray that they would be respectful to those in authority, honouring to their parents and obedient to do what is right. Amen.

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’” Matthew 16 v 24.

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honour your father and mother’ – which is the first commandment with a promise – that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth” Ephesians 6 v 1-3.

“Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward men”. Titus 3 v 1-3.

Day 15

Pray that your children would walk in honesty and integrity

Lord, I pray that my children would walk in honesty and integrity. I pray that God would build in them deep godliness, that they would be more concerned about their character than their reputation and I pray that they would seek to bring honour to Him throughout their lives. Amen.

“May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.” Psalm 25 v 21.

“The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out” Proverbs 10 v 9.

“I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.” Psalm 119 v 32.

Day 16

Pray that your children would seek to be God pleasers and not people pleasers

Dear Lord, please guard my children from the influences of this world that would tell them to 'fit in'. I pray that they would have a strong desire to live a life of pleasing God, instead of seeking to find security and value in people or things. Amen.

"Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe"
Proverbs 29 v 25.

"We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts." 1 Thessalonians 2 v 4.

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever." 1 John 2 v 15-15.

Day 17

Pray that your children would walk faithfully and diligently in God's ways

Lord, I pray that my children would make their footsteps firm, that His word would be a lamp for their feet and a light to their path. Amen.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" Psalm 119 v 105.

"If the Lord delights in a man's way, He makes his steps firm. Psalm 37 v 23.

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart." Proverbs 3 v 3.

Day 18

Pray that God would give your children wisdom and direction in making decisions

Dear Lord, please give my children wisdom and direction in making decisions. Please would you teach them to listen closely to your voice, help them to your word and have a desire for right choices. Amen.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight”. Proverbs 3 v 5-6.

“Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Psalm 37 v 1-6.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him” James 1 v 5.

Day 19

Pray that God would help your children to walk in purity

Dear Lord please would you help my children to walk in purity. I pray that you would set a protection over their mouths, eyes, and minds. Please equip them to guard their hearts, staying focussed on what is true and right. Amen.

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things”. Philippians 4 v 8.

“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life” Proverbs 4 v 23.

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.” Psalm 119 v 9.

Day 20

Pray that your children will have a desire to serve and a heart to work hard

Dear Lord, I pray for my children that they will have a desire to serve you all their lives. I pray that in whatever they do in life, God will give them a strong passion to work heartily for Him. Amen.

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men.” Ephesians 6 v7.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. Colossians 3 v 23.

“for it is God who works in you to will and act according to His good purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless, and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe” Philippians 2 v 13-15.

Day 21

Pray that your children would be generous, giving, content, and free from the love of money

Lord, I pray that my children would be generous, giving, content, and free from the love of money. Plant within them a deep gratitude, and from that may there flow a desire to extend help to others, and honour You in all they have and do. Amen.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you” Luke 6 v 38.

“I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed. Psalm 37 v 25-26.

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’ “ Hebrews 13 v 5.

Day 22

Pray that when your children encounter various trials and difficult times, when they experience loss and things don't go their way, that God would teach them greater perseverance.

Dear Lord, I pray for my children when they encounter difficulties in their lives. I pray that you would build deeper character, stronger faith, and use any hardship in their lives for ultimate good, turning it around for blessing instead. Amen

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking in anything." James 1 v 2-4.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16 v 33.

Day 23

Pray that God would give your children self-control.

Lord, I pray that you would help my children when they face temptations in remembering that you are able to help them overcome. Please guard their steps from evil, and give them diligence in turning away from what is wrong. I pray that they would be bold to say 'no' to what is wrong and 'yes' to what is right. Amen.

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful, he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. I Corinthians 10 v 13.

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Romans 8 v 37.

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." 1 John 4 v 4.

Day 24

Pray that God would help your children to be healthy and strong.

Lord God, I pray for my children that you would grant them ongoing health, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Please protect them from disease, illness and from any harm to their minds and spirit. I pray, Lord that you would equip them for every purpose and that you would give them endurance to run the race well. Amen

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12 v 1-2.

“but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint”. Isaiah 40 v 31.

“Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.” Psalm 103 v 2-3.

Day 25

Pray that your children would be worshippers of God.

May your praise be always on my children’s lips. Please give my children skills in music, dance, writing, art and may all that they do bring glory to you Lord. Amen.

“From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. Psalm 8 v 2.

“I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.” Psalm 34 v 1.

Jesus said: “Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks.” John 4 v 23.

Day 26

Pray that your children would have a vision and heart for the world.

Lord God, I pray for my children that you would extend their boundaries and give them incredible influence for good with people and nations. I pray that they would be open to God's plans and boldly go wherever you call. Amen

"Jabez cried out to the God of Israel 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request."

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." Matthew 28 v 19.

"Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.'" John 4 v 35.

Day 27

Pray that your children would walk daily in the presence of God's Holy Spirit.

Dear God, please give my children spiritual discernment and the ability to see through the enemy's lies and step over his traps. I pray that they would know the power of prayer and be prayer warriors for His kingdom. Amen.

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10 v 27.

"So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature." Galatians 5 v 16.

"Finally be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6 v 10-11.

Day 28

Pray that your children would be covered in God's peace and security.

Lord God, I pray that my children's thoughts would not be drawn to worry and fear, but instead be filled with the strength and confidence of the Lord through every day. I pray that they would know He is with them and believe that He is mighty within them. Amen

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41 v 10.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4 v 6-7.

"All your sons will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children's peace."
Isaiah 54 v 13.

Day 29

Pray for laughter and joy to fill their days.

Dear God, please bring my children a great love for humour in and through their lives, and that they would know what it is to laugh deeply and often. I pray that they would smile at the future and live with a sense of adventure and expectation in all God has in store. Amen.

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8 v 10.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."
Proverbs 17 v 22.

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy'." Psalm 126 v 2.

Day 30

Pray for the future of your children that they would dream big, run strong and soar high.

Lord God, I pray for the future of my children that they would dream big, run strong and soar high and that nothing would hold them back in this life. I pray that you would help them to fulfill your every calling, and strengthen them to live a life of so much love, passion, influence, hope, and determination that this world is changed for the better. May they always know that anything is possible to him who believes. Amen

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29 v 11.

*“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.”
Ephesians 3 v 20 -21.*

“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’” Matthew 19 v 26.

We hope you have found this prayer material helpful. Please share with the leaders how this prayer challenge has changed you and your children. Thank you.

