

12 Powerful Verses to Pray Over Your Children

1. **Strength-** Pray that God gives them the strength to do what they need to do each day. “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13
2. **Courage-** Pray that they will be brave as they face the challenges that are before them. “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9
3. **Peace-** Ask that their hearts will be calm and peaceful as they go through their day and in their sleep at night. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6
4. **Provision-** Ask God to provide for all that they need – for stamina, spirit, and finances – for each day. “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19
5. **Direction-** Pray that the Lord will lead them as they begin to make more and more decisions as they get older. “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
6. **Protection-** Ask that God keeps them safe in this increasingly unsafe world. That He will protect them from harm and wickedness. “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Psalm 91:1-2
7. **Joy-** Pray that God fills them with the kind of joy that can only come from Him. “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11
8. **Compassion-** Pray that they will show compassion on those in need and who have less than they do. “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32
9. **Justice-** Ask God to give them a sense of justice – to stand up for what is right and to defend the weak. “Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.” Isaiah 1:17
10. **Wisdom-** Pray that they will grow in wisdom and understanding. That they’ll be more than “smart” and embrace what is good and right. “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” James 1:5
11. **Hope-** Ask God to give them the hope that comes from above – the kind that far exceeds what we have in the here and now. “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13
12. **Love-** Pray that our children are filled with the love of God. That they will know how deeply they are loved, and that love will overflow onto others. “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” 2 Corinthians 13