

Praying For A Child

In order to use the prayers, place the name of the child in the blank. There are 31 prayers, one for each day of the week.



Salvation: Pray that _____ will hear the gospel, understand it and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:17, 21).

Trust: Pray that _____ will learn to trust God every day in every situation and become a strong believer. "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 3:5,6).

Faith: Ask God to speak to _____'s heart and allow faith to be increased for every need that may arise in the life of this family so they may all grow spiritually and be strong witnesses of their faith in Jesus Christ. "We live by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Hope: As you bring _____ to the Lord this week, pray that God will encourage this precious child to keep hoping in Him and believing for His blessings in the home, in school and in project activities. "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord" (Psalm 31:24).

Courage: Pray that God will fill _____ with courage to stand for the truth without wavering or being influenced by ungodly people. Pray that peer pressure will not affect this child's life, that temptations will be overcome, and that a powerful testimony will emerge in this young life. "But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you" (Acts 26:16).

Forgiveness: Ask God to help _____ forgive everyone who has caused pain to this child, whether it is a parent, a family member, a relative, friends or neighbors, and then lay it all down at the foot of the cross. "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matthew 6:14).

Mercy: As God has been merciful to _____, pray that this child will learn to be merciful to others and trust God for His mercy in every situation. Pray for a tender heart in this child toward family and friends. "But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children" (Psalm 103:17).

Food and Clothing: Pray that _____ will not be concerned or worried about daily necessities, but will trust God for everything that is needed for a healthy life. Pray that the child and the family will understand the need for a well-balanced diet and gain knowledge of good nutrition and hygiene.

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them" (Matthew 6:31,32).

Fruitfulness: _____ is a disciple of God. Pray that this child will live a life that is fruitful for His kingdom. Pray that this child will be a good student in school and in the project and learn all the lessons well. Pray also for good Scripture memorization.

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the LORD and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10).

Love: Ask God to fill _____'s heart with His love so that this child will be a powerful testimony of the love of Jesus for all people. Pray for an awareness of others who need God's help in their lives, and a willingness to share with and comfort needy ones in the family and in the community.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight" (Philippians 1:9).

Guidance: Pray that _____ will seek guidance from the Lord for every decision to be made and for every word and action, and will seek to be a light in a dark world. Pray that this child will develop an interest in a vocation that could provide for himself (herself) and his (her) family when he (she) grows up.

"For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end" (Psalm 48:14).

Help in trouble: Pray that _____ will turn to the Lord when trouble strikes, having confidence that God will take care of everything. Pray that this child will be willing and quick to help others in trouble with encouragement and comfort.

"The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble" (Psalm 9:9).

Safety: When _____ is afraid, pray that God's presence will surround and comfort this child and dissolve all fears. Pray for safety in walking to and from school and the project.

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe" (Proverbs 18:10).

Holy Spirit: Ask God to fill _____'s heart with His Spirit to strengthen this child with a determination to walk with God all through life.

"And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws" (Ezekiel 36:27).

Honesty: Pray that God will instill honesty in _____'s heart to refrain from any false dealings at any time, in any situation. Pray that this child will resist the temptation to lie or steal regardless of the circumstances, and be above the reproach of dishonesty.

"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator" (Colossians 3:9-10)

Loving God: Pray that _____ will grow daily to love God with heart and soul, and be assured of His great love. Pray that an awareness of God's love will develop and instill confidence in God's faithfulness.

"Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).

Obedience: Pray that _____ will have such a deep love for God that living a life to please Him will be the most important thing in life. Pray that this child will learn to be aware of God's leading and be obedient to follow His will.

"Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him" (1 John 3:21-22).

Patience: As you bring _____ to the Lord today, ask that this child will learn to endure life's trials with patience, knowing that God will reward it with His blessing. Pray that daily life with siblings and relatives will develop a loving and patient attitude.

"You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised" (Hebrews 10:36).

Sickness: Pray for _____'s good health and for healing when it is needed. Ask God to help this child trust Him for physical strength and health.

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the LORD" (Jeremiah 30:17).

Honoring parents (or guardians): Pray that _____ will honor and respect parents and grandparents, or guardians, who are caring for this child.

"Honor 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 6:2, 3).

Contentment: Pray for a spirit of contentment that will fill _____'s heart and prevent jealousy or self-pity from overcoming this child. Pray for joy that will bring contentment regardless of the circumstances in the home or at school.

"But godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6).

Meekness: Pray that _____ will be kind and gentle to others even when unfair treatment may be exhibited toward this child. Pray especially that friendships at school and in the community will grow strong as this child develops a Christ-like attitude.

"But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace" (Psalm 37:11).

Loving Others: Ask God to give _____ a love for people that will reflect the love of Jesus and draw them to the Savior. Pray also that this child will develop social and relational skills needed to succeed in the culture of the country.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:7-8).

Joy: Pray that even in the midst of problems, the joy of the Lord will help _____ overcome any sadness that may cause discouragement. Pray that this child will make a choice every day to be joyful in the Lord. "Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior" (Habakkuk 3:18).

Faithfulness: Pray that _____ will be faithful in keeping promises and in following instructions, and thus, be known as a child who is faithful.

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



Rejoicing: Ask God to fill _____ with a spirit of rejoicing that will overcome all adversities that may try to hinder a close walk with Him. Pray that this child will influence friends and family with a spirit of rejoicing to seek the Savior.

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1:8).

Humility: Pray that _____ will be humble before God all the days of this child's life and that God will allow honor and promotion to bless and reward faithful humility. Pray for an attitude of obedience and submission to the parents and those in authority in this child's life.

"Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4).

Loneliness: Pray that _____ will always know that Jesus is a friend who never leaves us nor forsakes us, and He will bring comfort during the lonely times. Pray that this child will learn to pray and trust God in every situation.

"I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you" (John 14:18).

Wisdom: Ask God to fill _____'s mind with His wisdom all the days of this child's life, so that wise decisions are made. Pray for economic and financial stability for the child's family so that a long-term relationship with Compassion's program will continue until completion.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you" (Psalm 32:8).

Worship: Pray for a spirit of worship to be evident in _____'s life as this child honors God with praise and adoration for His holiness. Pray that a deep devotion to our Heavenly Father will develop and grow to help sustain this child throughout life.

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care" (Psalm 95:6-7).

Boldness for Christ: Pray that _____ will never be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but will be a courageous witness of the love of God for mankind.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile" (Romans 1:16).

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