

Praying for Your Child

As a parent, what are your hopes, dreams, and desires for your child? What do you envision for your child's future? The Bible confirms the value and impact of prayer. You can make a great difference in the life of your child by investing time in prayer.

- Pray for your child's spiritual development. Pray that as he grows he will be influenced by godly teachers, friends, and family members who will lead him to desire and make a decision to have a personal relationship with Christ. Remember Acts 4:12 as you pray for your child's salvation.
- Pray for your child to enjoy reading and learning from the Bible. Begin to tell your child Bible stories now. Pray that 2 Timothy 2:15 will be true of your child.
- Pray for your child to develop Christ-like qualities. The fruit of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23) is an excellent place to begin your prayers.
- Pray for God to protect your child. As Jesus prayed for His disciples in John 17:15, pray for your child to be protected from the evil one. Do not hesitate to ask God to guide your child away from evil people, influences, and places.
- Pray for your child to develop a heart of thankfulness. Lead your preschooler to begin saying thank-you prayers to God. Teach your child to thank God for every day; for every meal; and for every toy, pet, and friend. Make 1 Thessalonians 5:18 familiar words to your child.
- Pray for yourself. Ask God to enable you to be a godly role model for your child. Depend on God for His help in enabling your expressions, tone of voice, and actions to reflect God's character. Communicate constantly with God and be reminded of Luke 18:1—pray and never give up.

