



## A Parent's Prayer Program

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*Each day of the month, in addition to prayers for their safety and for the concerns of that day, you may also pray for a specific character trait, virtue or fruit of the Spirit to be planted and nurtured in your children.*

<b>1 salvation</b> Lord let salvation spring up within my children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. (Isaiah 45:8 II Timothy 2:10)	<b>2 growth in grace</b> I pray that they may "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (II Peter 3:18)	<b>3 love</b> Grant, Lord, that my children may learn to live a life of love through the Spirit who dwells in them. (Ephesians 5:2 Galatians 5:22)	<b>4 honesty and integrity</b> May integrity and honesty be their virtue and their protection. (Psalm 25:21)
<b>5 self-control</b> Father, help my children not to be like many others around them, but let them be "alert and self-controlled" in all they do. (I Thessalonians 5:6)	<b>6 a love for God's Word</b> May my children grow to find Your Word "more precious than gold, than much pure gold; [and] sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb." (Psalm 19:10)	<b>7 justice</b> God, help my children to love justice as You do and to "act justly" in all they do. (Psalm 11:7 Micah 6:8)	<b>8 mercy</b> May my children always "be merciful, as [their] Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)
<b>9 respect (for self, others, authority)</b> Father, grant that my children may "show proper respect to everyone," as Your Word commands. (I Peter 2:17)	<b>10 strong, biblical self-esteem</b> Help my children develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are "God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:10)	<b>11 faithfulness</b> "Let love and faithfulness never leave [my children], "but bind these twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of their hearts." (Proverbs 3:3)	<b>12 a passion for God</b> Lord, please instill in my children a soul with a craving for You, a heart that clings passionately to You. (Psalm 63:8)
<b>13 responsibility</b> Grant that my children may learn responsibility, "for each one should carry his own load." (Galatians 6:5)	<b>14 kindness</b> Lord may my children "always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else." (I Thessalonians 5:15)	<b>15 generosity</b> Grant that my children may "be generous and willing to share [and so] lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age." (I Timothy 6:18-19)	<b>16 peace, peaceability</b> Father, let my children "make every effort to do what leads to peace." (Romans 14:19)



<b>17 hope</b> May the God of hope grant that my children may overflow with hope and hopefulness by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)	<b>18 perseverance</b> Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to "run with perseverance the race marked out for [them]." (Hebrews 12:1)	<b>19 humility</b> Lord, please cultivate in my children the ability to "show true humility toward all." (Titus 3:2)	<b>20 compassion</b> Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion. (Colossians 3:12)
<b>21 prayerfulness</b> Grant, Lord, that my children's lives may be marked by "pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." (Ephesians 6:18)	<b>22 contentment</b> Father, teach my children "the secret of being content in any and every situation." (Philippians 4:12-13)	<b>23 faith</b> I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children's hearts, that by faith they may gain what has been promised to them. (Luke 17:5-6 Hebrews 11:1-40)	<b>24 a servant heart</b> Lord, please help my children develop servant hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly "as if [they] were serving the Lord, not men." (Ephesians 6:7)
<b>25 purity</b> "Create in [them] a pure heart, O God." And let their purity of heart be shown in their actions. (Psalm 51:10)	<b>26 a willingness and ability to work hard</b> Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work hard at everything they do, "as working for the Lord, not for men." (Colossians 3:23)	<b>27 self-discipline</b> Father, I pray that my children may develop self-discipline that they may acquire "a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair." (Proverbs 1:3)	<b>28 a heart for missions</b> Lord, please help my children to develop a heart for missions, a desire to see your glory declared among the nations, your marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:3)
<b>29 joy</b> May my children be filled "with the joy given by the Holy Spirit." (Thessalonians 1:6)	<b>30 courage</b> May my children always "be strong and courageous" in their character and in their actions. (Deuteronomy 31:6)		