

## Faith Fight Podcast - Praying For Your Children

One of the greatest responsibilities that parents have is to pray for their children. Parents are stewards over the children that God has given them. This can be faith testing at times because you can't always watch over them, but God can and this is why we are covering this topic today.

*His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom. - **Job 1:4-5***

In these verses we see Job sacrificing and praying for his children in case they have sinned. The main reason why I use this verse first is to highlight that fathers should be the leaders in the home to pray for their children. This was Job's regular custom, to present sacrifices to God in case his children sinned.

*Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the Lord. - **Psalms 128:1-4***

In God's kingdom, there is always an action and a reaction, Cause and effect, or seed time and harvest. In this verse it mentions that those who reverence (or fear) the Lord will receive a blessing. Part of the blessing is that your children will be like olive shoots around the table. This translated means that you will have many children that will be fruitful and happy.

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." - **Ephesians 6:1-3***

As you pray for your children, pray that they will have an obedient spirit. Pray that they will be obedient and honor you as their parent, pray also that they will be obedient to authority. Their teachers in school, police officers and rules wherever they go. This is so they will be blessed, have long life and that it will go well for them.

*"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart...He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." - **Psalms 91:1-2***

As your children grow older you will eventually give them more and more independence. That means that you as a parent will not always be there to watch over them to ensure their safety. But God is not

limited by geographical locations. Your prayer over your children should be in line with Psalms 91:1-2. That God will over shadow them and keep them safe wherever they go. That God will be their refuge and his angles will always be around your children.

*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 121:7-8*

As parents you can pray this verse over your children every day. That god will keep them from all harm and watch over them That God will keep them safe as they travel to wherever they have to go today. This is especially important as we hear of violence and school shootings almost every month.

*Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. - Proverbs 13:20*

We can learn a lot from reading the proverbs so I'm going to highlight this verse among the many that I can use for this episode. As parents one of the prayers we should pray is that our children will have the right friends around him. With this I also want to remind you what 1 Corinthians 15:33 says, "Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." Watch out to make sure that you children are associating with the right friends and pray that bad influences will not stay in their lives.

*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household. - Acts 16:31*

That your children will believe in Jesus for themselves and have a strong personal relationship with God through Jesus. As parents, you have power and influence over what your children believe. So as much as this is a prayer for your children, it's also an encouragement to you to ensure that God is the head of your household.

*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 6:24-26*

A blessing was one way of asking for God's divine favor to rest upon others. This blessing helps us to understand what a blessing was supposed to do.

1. God would bless and keep you (favor & protection)
2. Make his face shine on us (God will be pleased with us)
3. Be gracious to you (God will be merciful and compassionate)
4. Turn his face towards us (God will look at us with his approval)
5. Give peace (Nothing missing nothing broken)

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you hope and a future. - Jeremiah 29:11*

As parents you probably have no greater desire for your children than to grow up and see them walk in their God given destiny and using their gifts and talents to be a blessing to others. You can speak this verse over your children and declare that they will achieve the plans that God has for them.

## Weekly Prayer Plan – Praying For Your Children

### How to Use this Template:

Download and save this document to begin using at the beginning (Monday) of every week. Every week will have different bible verses to meditate on based on the Faith Fight Podcast episode topic for that week. Determine the time and place that you will devote to prayer. The below structure is set for one hour and is only used as a guide. You can adjust your timing if necessary.

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place:** \_\_\_\_\_

5 min – Drawing Near To God

5 min – Confession

10 min – God-Centered Petitions

10 min – Intercessory Prayer

10 min – Personal Petitions

15 min – Meditation

5 min – Praise, Thanksgiving & Closing

1. **DRAWING NEAR TO GOD** - Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

*God the Father is the focus of all our prayers. We should never forget what a privilege it is to bend our knees on earth and reach almighty God in heaven.*

2. **CONFESSION** - Matt. 6:12 “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”

*When we repent and forgive others, we maintain fellowship with God. But if we hold grudges, that fellowship is broken. God loves to answer our prayers when the lines of communication are not disrupted.*

3. **GOD CENTERED PETITIONS** Matt 6:10 “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”

*Prayer should reflect a desire to align ourselves with God’s goals and purposes, not to get Him to follow our plans.*

4. **PERSONAL PETITIONS** Matt 6:11 “Give us today our daily bread.”

*We are dependent upon the Lord for our needs and He wants us to come to Him with our requests.*

5. **MEDITATION Joshua 1:8** “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

*Meditation is thinking about the word of God to understand what it means in the context of the scripture and how it can apply to your life today. The Word of God is powerful enough to still be relevant in your life today even though it was written thousands of years ago.*

**Read through the scripture passages for today as listed below:**

Meditational Verses

Monday: **Psalm 91**

Tuesday: **Numbers 6:24-26**

Wednesday: **Job 1:4-5**

Thursday: **Ephesians 6:1-3**

Friday: **Jeremiah 29:11**

Saturday: **Psalm 91**

Sunday: **Psalm 128**

**Once you have read the scripture for today, write down your answer to the questions below or any other insight/revelation that you receive in your prayer journal.**

1. Is there a promise to claim?
2. Is there a lesson to learn?
3. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there a sin to avoid?
6. Is there a new thought to carry with me?

6. **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING 1 John 5:14-15** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

*We can end our prayer time with confidence that God has heard our prayer and will answer in His perfect timing. Demonstrate your faith in Him by showing thanks before you see the answer to your prayers.*