

Why Pray for Kids?



- **We want them to glorify God:**

1 Corinthians 10:31 *Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

- **Our responsibility to pass on the baton of faith to our children:**

Psalm 78:5-7 *...That they should ¹teach them to their children, ⁶That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, That they may arise and tell them to their children, ⁷That they should put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments,*

- **We and our kids have an enemy who wants to kill steal and destroy.**

John 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

- **Our battle is not with the kids, or even the world, but against principalities**

Ephesians 6:12 *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

- **God answers prayer:**

1 John 5:14 *This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.*

- **God loves our kids more than we do and wants them to walk in truth more than we do**

1 Timothy 2:2 *First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, ²for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

- **We cannot change them, but God can, just as he has changed us.**

Psalm 21:1 *The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.*

- **We love them also, we want them to know the beauty of walking with the Lord and want them to be in the center of God's will.**

Psalm 21:6 *For You make him most blessed forever; You make him joyful with gladness in Your presence.*

- **Jesus cares about our pain over children:**

Luke 7:11-17 *Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up! The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. God has come to help his people. This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.*

- **Infused by worldly philosophies--Satan is the father and source of lies. Must fight it spiritually:**

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 ³*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, ⁶and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.*



Prayer--talking to God about our concerns is an effective spiritual weapon believers possess. Let's use it!

Change can only come from the Holy Spirit.

No program, idea, initiative, or curriculum can help apart from God's Spirit using it to change people.

John 15:5 *...apart from me you can do nothing.*

We need to go to Him who can change people.