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21-Day Prayer Plan

Helping My Children Learn to Pray for Themselves

"Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

Each day pairs five scriptures with a short prayer and declaration written for your child to pray.

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Day 1: Protection

Scriptures

- Psalm 91:11 "For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go."
- Psalm 121:8 "The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever."
- Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe."
- Isaiah 54:17 "... no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from me. I, the Lord, have spoken!"
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3 "But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Surround me with Your angels today. Guard my body, my mind, and my heart as I go to school. Let no harm, sickness, or danger come near me. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I am hidden under the shadow of the Almighty, guarded in my going out and my coming in, and that no weapon formed against me will prosper.

Day 2: Wisdom in Decisions

Scriptures

- James 1:5 "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking."
- Proverbs 2:6 "For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding."
- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."
- Colossians 1:9 "So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding."
- Psalm 32:8 "The Lord says, 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.'"

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Give me wisdom beyond my years. When I face choices today, big or small, help me pause, listen for Your voice, and choose what honors You. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I walk in wisdom that comes from above, that I trust the Lord over my own understanding, and that He directs every path I take.

Day 3: Godly Friendships

Scriptures

- Proverbs 13:20 "Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."
- Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."
- 1 Corinthians 15:33 "Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for 'bad company corrupts good character.'"
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 "Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble."
- John 15:13 "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Surround me with friends who build me up. Give me discernment to choose companions who reflect Your character, and courage to walk away from what pulls me down. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I am surrounded by wise, loyal, Christ-honoring friends who sharpen me, and that I have the discernment to walk away from anything that leads me astray.

Day 4: Favor with Teachers and Staff

Scriptures

- Proverbs 3:4 "Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation."
- Psalm 5:12 (NKJV) "For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield."
- Luke 2:52 "Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people."
- Genesis 39:21 "But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden."
- Psalm 90:17 "And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful!"

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Go before me into my classroom today. Grant me favor with my teachers, coaches, and staff, and let my relationships be marked by respect and kindness on both sides. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I walk in favor with every teacher, coach, and staff member I meet, and that God goes before me into every classroom.

Day 5: Identity in Christ

Scriptures

- Psalm 139:14 "Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it."
- Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."
- 1 Peter 2:9 "But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light."
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"
- Galatians 2:20 "My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Remind me today of who I am in You. When comparison or insecurity creeps in, anchor my identity in Your love rather than in grades, appearance, or the approval of others. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I know exactly who I am - fearfully and wonderfully made, chosen, and God's own workmanship - and that my worth is settled in Christ, not in the opinions of others.

Day 6: A Love for Learning

Scriptures

- Proverbs 18:15 "Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge."
- Proverbs 9:9 "Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more."
- Proverbs 1:5 "Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance"
- Daniel 1:17 "God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every aspect of literature and wisdom. And God gave Daniel the special ability to interpret the meanings of visions and dreams."
- Ecclesiastes 7:12 "Wisdom and money can get you almost anything, but only wisdom can save your life."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Put a hunger in me to learn and grow. Sharpen my mind, stir my curiosity, and help me see my studies as an offering to You. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I carry a hunger to learn, that my mind is sharp and alert, and that God is giving me knowledge and skill in every subject I study.

Day 7: Peace Over Anxiety

Scriptures

- Philippians 4:6-7 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
- John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."
- Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."
- 1 Peter 5:7 "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."
- Psalm 34:4 "I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. When worry rises in me today, over tests, friendships, or the unknown, meet me with Your peace that surpasses understanding. Guard my heart and mind in Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I walk in the peace of God that surpasses understanding, that fear has no hold on me, and that my mind is kept steady because it is fixed on You.

Day 8: Purity in Speech and Actions

Scriptures

- Ephesians 4:29 "Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."
- Psalm 19:14 "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."
- Proverbs 21:23 "Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble."
- Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father."
- James 3:10 "And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!"

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Guard the words that come out of my mouth. Let my speech build others up, and let my actions reflect integrity even when no one is watching. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that my words are seasoned with grace, that my speech builds others up, and that my actions reflect the character of Christ in every setting.

Day 9: Strength Against Peer Pressure

Scriptures

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 "Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for 'bad company corrupts good character.'"
- Romans 12:2 "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."
- Joshua 1:9 "This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
- Proverbs 1:10 "My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them!"
- 1 Corinthians 16:13 "Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Give me backbone today. When friends push me toward what is wrong, give me the courage to stand firm, speak up, and walk in Your ways instead. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I am strong and courageous, that I refuse to be conformed to the crowd, and that I have the backbone to say no and walk away from what is wrong.

Day 10: Kindness and Compassion

Scriptures

- Ephesians 4:32 "Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."
- Colossians 3:12 "Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."
- Micah 6:8 "No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."
- 1 John 3:18 "Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."
- Matthew 5:7 "God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Soften my heart toward others today. Help me notice the lonely, include the left-out, and extend grace the way You have extended grace to me. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I have a soft, compassionate heart, that I notice the overlooked and the lonely, and that kindness marks how I treat everyone around me.

Day 11: Focus and Discernment

Scriptures

- Colossians 3:2 "Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth."
- Philippians 4:8 "And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."
- Hebrews 5:14 "Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong."
- Proverbs 4:25 "Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you."
- 1 Kings 3:9 "Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?"

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Sharpen my focus in the classroom and beyond. Help me discern truth from confusion, and keep my mind from wandering into distraction or harmful influences. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I have a clear, focused mind, that I can discern truth from confusion, and that distraction and harmful influence have no place in my thoughts.

Day 12: Physical Health and Energy

Scriptures

- 3 John 1:2 "Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit."
- Exodus 15:26 "He said, 'If you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his sight, obeying his commands and keeping all his decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you.'"
- Psalm 103:2-3 "Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases."
- Isaiah 40:31 "But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."
- Proverbs 3:7-8 "Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Strengthen my body today. Give me rest at night, energy through the day, and protect me from illness and injury as I run, play, and learn. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I am strong and healthy, that I run and am not weary, and that the Lord is my healer and strength.

Day 13: A Servant's Heart

Scriptures

- Galatians 5:13 "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love."
- Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- Philippians 2:3-4 "Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too."
- 1 Peter 4:10 "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."
- Matthew 20:26 "But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant"

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Teach me to look beyond myself today. Give me opportunities to serve my classmates and teachers, and a willing heart to take those opportunities when they come. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I carry a servant's heart, that I look for ways to bless others, and that greatness in God's eyes is being built in me daily.

Day 14: Boldness to Share Their Faith

Scriptures

- Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile."
- Acts 4:29 "And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word."
- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."
- Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

- 1 Peter 3:15 "Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Give me boldness today. Let my life point others to You, and when the moment comes to speak of my faith, give me the right words and courage. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I am a bold, unashamed witness, that my light shines before others, and that God gives me the right words at the right moment.

Day 15: Protection from Bullying

Scriptures

- Psalm 34:17-18 "The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed."
- Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?"
- Isaiah 41:10 "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."
- Romans 12:19 "Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, 'I will take revenge; I will pay them back,' says the Lord."
- Psalm 55:22 "Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Protect me from being bullied, and protect me from ever becoming a bully. Give me a heart that stands up for the mistreated and a spirit that will not be broken by cruelty. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I am protected from bullying in every form, that I will never be the source of cruelty toward others, and that my spirit remains unbroken and secure in You.

Day 16: Integrity in Schoolwork

Scriptures

- Proverbs 11:3 "Honesty guides good people; dishonesty destroys treacherous people."
- Proverbs 10:9 "People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed."
- Colossians 3:23 "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."
- Proverbs 12:22 "The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth."

- 2 Corinthians 8:21 "We are careful to be honorable before the Lord, but we also want everyone else to see that we are honorable."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Cultivate honesty in me today. Let me value doing what is right over doing what is easy, even when no one would know the difference. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I walk in integrity, that honesty guides every assignment and test, and that I choose what is right even when it costs me something.

Day 17: Self-Control

Scriptures

- Galatians 5:22-23 "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"
- Proverbs 25:28 "A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls."
- Titus 2:11-12 "For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God,"
- Proverbs 16:32 "Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city."
- 2 Peter 1:5-6 "...your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness"

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Grow the fruit of self-control in me. Steady my emotions, temper my reactions, and help me respond to frustration and disappointment with patience. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I walk in self-control, that my emotions are steadied by Your Spirit, and that patience governs how I respond to frustration and disappointment.

Day 18: Strength of Our Family

Scriptures

- Joshua 24:15 "But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve... But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."
- Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good."
- Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up."
- Ecclesiastes 4:12 "A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."
- Malachi 4:6 "His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers..."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Thank You for my family. Let our home be a place of safety and peace, and help me add to that peace instead of taking away from it. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that our home is built by the Lord, that my family bond is a cord not easily broken, and that I return each day to a house full of peace.

Day 19: Teachers and School Leadership

Scriptures

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2 "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity."
- James 3:1 "Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly."
- Proverbs 29:18 "When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful."
- Romans 13:1 "Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God."
- Numbers 6:24-26 "May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Bless my teachers, my principal, and my school staff today. Give them wisdom and patience as they lead, and help me honor them with my attitude and my actions. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that my teachers and school leaders are blessed, wise, and protected, and that my school is a place of order, safety, and good instruction.

Day 20: Future Calling and Purpose

Scriptures

- Jeremiah 29:11 "'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.'"
- Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."
- Psalm 138:8 "The Lord will work out his plans for my life— for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for you made me."
- Proverbs 16:9 "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."
- Romans 8:28 "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. You already know the plans You have for me. Begin now to shape my gifts and passions, and let this season of school become part of the path toward my calling. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare that I have a future and a hope, that my gifts and passions are being shaped by God, and that this season of school is building toward my God-given purpose.

Day 21: Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scriptures

- Psalm 100:4 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."
- 1 Samuel 1:27-28 "I asked the Lord to give me this boy, and he has granted my request. Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life." And they worshiped the Lord there."
- Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."
- Philippians 1:6 "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Prayer

Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus. Thank You for the gift of another school year. I give You my teachers, my classroom, and every day ahead. Have Your way in me and through me this year. In Jesus' name I pray.

Declaration

I declare this school year dedicated to the Lord. I give thanks in advance for what He will do, and I trust Him to complete the good work He has begun in me.