



Will you

PRAY

for

ME?



A 14 DAY CHALLENGE BOOK
TO PRAY FOR YOUR KIDS

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"WILL YOU PRAY FOR ME?" I'm trying to imagine my two children asking me that question. If your children are anything like my 7 and 10 year old boys, this is not likely to be a specific question they would ever think of asking. It isn't their job to ask that question but it's our job as parents to answer it for them, whether they ask it or not. Praying for our children is one of the most important responsibilities we have as parents. So, how should I answer this hypothetical question? I'd like to think I'd say "Yes! Of course, I'd love to". But what would I pray? How can I pray? Why should I pray?

For the next 14 days, will you join with me as we answer these questions?
Will you take at least 15 minutes a day to specifically pray for your children?

In this personalized journal we will have a daily theme, a bible verse, something to consider, a prayer, some discussion questions and some action steps;

READ, CONSIDER, PRAY, ASK, DO.

I've included some room for you to write in the names of your children and space to write your own prayers, answers and notes to make this personal. My prayer for each of us over these 14 days is that we discover that intentional prayers for our children will allow God to empower our kids to become all that He intends them to be.

The final day in this challenge is to pray for our children's salvation. I am not only committing to praying for my own children but for yours too. I'm praying that they, through your prayers, love and guidance, will discover what it means to be in a real and life-changing relationship with their savior, Jesus.

So, on behalf of my children and your children, let me ask for them . . . Will you pray for me?

Let's Go!

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Will You Pray for My Love?

Day 1

READ

"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are His dear children. 2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God." Ephesians 5:1-2

CONSIDER

"The Holy Spirit reveals to me that God loved me not because I was loveable but because it was His nature to do so. Now He commands me to show the same love to others by saying '... love one another as I have loved you' John 15:12". Oswald Chambers

PRAY

Lord, I pray that will walk in love. May they learn to imitate You by living a life of love through Your Spirit dwelling in them. Give them a glimpse of Your love for them by the way I love them. In Jesus' Name, Amen

**WRITE YOUR OWN
PRAYER HERE**

**ASK: How can I regularly
SHOW my children how
much they are loved?**

**DO: Share with your children 3
things you love about them!**



Day 2

Will You Pray for My Self-Control?

READ

“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.” Romans 12:2

CONSIDER

If a parent teaches their children to learn the habit of self-control in childhood, they will practice self-discipline when they are grown.

PRAY

Father, help to be self-controlled. Let them stand out and be different when they are tempted to do wrong. Let my example teach them how to have courage to do what is good and pleasing and perfect. Amen.

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ASK: In what areas of my life could I use more self-control?



DO: Share with your children an example of when you overcame temptation to do wrong by practicing self-control.

Day 3

Will You Pray for My Love for God's Word?

READ

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path". Psalms 119:105

PRAY

Father God, let Your Word guide the feet of and be a light for their path. Let my love and devotion to Your Word be inspirational to . Let the Word of God be the foundation for their lives both now and in the future. Amen

CONSIDER

As parents, God entrusts us with the great responsibility and sacred privilege of teaching our children not only about Him, but also how we should live our lives. When our kids have questions about how to handle the daily pressures they face in school, about how they should treat their friends, their classmates, and their parents, about whether something is right or wrong, we have the privilege of leading them, but we also get to teach them to ask God for wisdom and direct them to the Bible for answers.



ASK: When and how often do I read the bible to/with my kids?

How can I be more consistent in this?



DO: Take time each day to read a bible story aloud to your children. Be sure to use a version or storybook bible that is age appropriate. Ask them questions that help them apply

God's Word to their own lives.

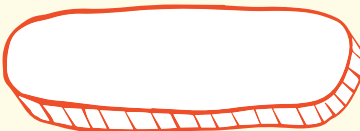
Will You Pray for My Obedience?

CONSIDER

"Obedience to God always, beautifies. It always adds dimension and fullness, which are the results of living how we were meant to live. Our greatest potential will be found in our greatest obedience."

— Rachel Jankovic,

ASK: What are some of the reasons why my children struggle with obedience? What needs to change?



READ

"Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.² "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise:³ If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord." Ephesians 6:1-4

PRAY

Father God, please help me to bring up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Help fulfill their greatest potential in their obedience to You and their parents. Allow them to appreciate my love for them through my wise and Godly discipline. Amen.

DO: As parents, evaluate how you are intentional in the Godly discipline of your children. Is there consistency in how you train and lead your family?



If needed, seek guidance and support in how to encourage your children to obey.

Will You Pray for My Gratitude?

READ

“And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.”
Colossians 3:17

PRAY

Lord, today I am thankful for

Thank you for the honor of parenting. Help them to live lives that overflow with gratitude, giving thanks to God the Father. Thank you that you always give us what we need. Help to appreciate that what they have, is enough. Amen

CONSIDER

“Gratitude turns what we have into enough”

ASK: What does 'enough' mean to you?

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DO: Think of someone you would like to show gratitude to today. Have your children write / make a thank you card for them.



Day 6

Will You Pray for My Safety?

READ

"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." Joshua 1:9

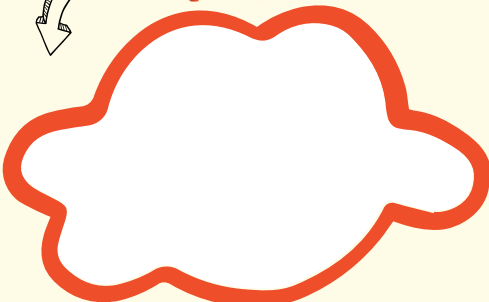
CONSIDER

For 10 ways to keep your children safer, follow this link :
<https://onetoughjob.org/articles/10-ways-to-keep-children-safer>

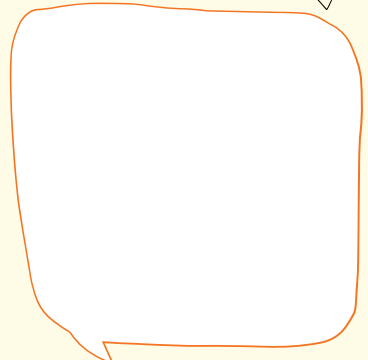
PRAY

Lord, one of my most important roles as a parent is to keep safe. Give me the tools and wisdom to fulfill this role in a way that protects them and honors You. Thank you for your promise to be with us wherever we go. Help to be strong and of good courage, knowing that You are there to surround them with Your love and protection. Amen

ASK: What is at least one thing I could improve to keep my children safer?



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Do: Put into practice the 10 points included in the above link[^]

Will You Pray for My Prayers?

CONSIDER

"I am convinced that one of the most powerful forces on earth is the prayer of a child" Wess Stafford, Author, 'Too Small to Ignore"

READ

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." Ephesians 6:18


ASK: What are my children most worried about? How can I help them to overcome their fears?

PRAY

Lord, please help to pray and be thankful when they feel anxious. Please guard their hearts and minds from worry. Give them a spirit of peace and courage that comes from trusting in You. Amen

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Do: Start a prayer journal  with your children to allow them to focus their prayers and have a record of how the Lord answers them .

Will You Pray for My Worries?

Day 8

READ

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philipians 4:6-7

CONSIDER

"When I look back on all these worries, I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which had never happened."

- Winston Churchill

PRAY

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Ask: What are my children most worried about? How can I help them to overcome their fears?



Will You Pray for My Generosity?

READ

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19

PRAY

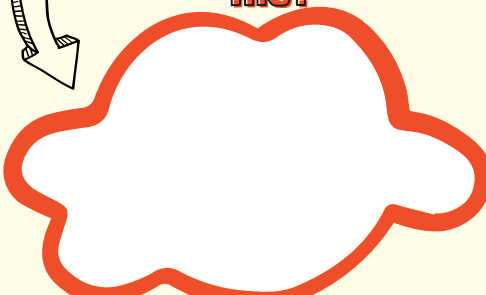
Father God, let be generous and willing to share, laying up treasures for themselves as a firm foundation for eternity. Let them see and understand generosity through my example. Help them know that everything they have has been given to them by you.

CONSIDER

When you as parents are giving generously to the Lord, it's okay to tell your kids why you are doing it. The goal is not to boast about your kindness, but to invite your children to follow your example



ASK: How are my children learning generosity from me?



DO: Buy your kids a 'Moonjar' to teach them the principles of saving, spending and sharing.

www.moonjar.com

Will You Pray For My Compassion?

READ

"My children, our love should not be only words and talk. Our love must be true love. And we should show that love by what we do." 1 John 3:18

PRAY

Lord, Thank you for Your example of grace and compassion for us.

Fill with compassion for others. I know they have it within themselves, with Your help, to make a difference in the world through their actions. Help me to teach them to do small things with great love. Amen

CONSIDER

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."
Mother Teresa



ASK: What would it mean for your family to show the compassion of Christ?



DO:

For the last few years, my kids Elijah and Joey, have sponsored children through Compassion International. The child that they sponsor was born on the same day as them. Being a sponsor of a child the same age as them from Peru / Nicaragua is, among other things, giving them a world view and teaching them how to pray for and show compassion to others. Explore how you can name your child as a sponsor to release children from poverty by visiting www.compassion.com

Will You Pray for My Confidence?



READ

“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength” Philippians 4:13

CONSIDER

“Children are more than we think they are; they can do more than we think they can do. All they need is a vote of confidence from grown ups, whom they will ultimately replace anyway. Their dream today will become the realities of tomorrow.”
Wess Stafford, Author’
Too Small to Ignore’

PRAY

Lord Jesus, I pray for ’s confidence. May they be confident in themselves and confident in You. May they grow to become all that You have intended for them to be and their dreams today will become the realities of tomorrow. Let their true identity be shaped by who You see them to be, not who the world wants them to become. Amen

ASK: In what areas of your life as a parent do you need to grow in confidence?

DO: Check out the following link for 25 things you can do right now to build a child’s confidence:



<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/child-confidence>

Will You Pray for My Friendships?

READ

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.”. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

CONSIDER

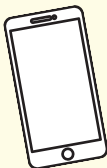
“If ever there is tomorrow when we’re not together...there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think but the most important thing is, even if we’re apart... I’ll always be with you.” — Winnie the Pooh

ASK: Do my children have a healthy group of friends? How can I help my children form positive relationships?

PRAY

Dear Lord, friendships are so important. I pray that will form lifelong friendships with children who will be caring, supportive, loyal and of positive influence. Please help them to be a good friend, one that helps others to succeed and reflects their faith in You. I pray also that they will continue to nurture their friendship with You. Thank you that you are so loving and faithful to us and that You are a friend who will never let us down. Amen

DO: Join or form a church group with other families who have children of a similar age to yours. If you are already in a group, are there children who are of similar age? Consistent biblical community is the perfect setting for your children to form healthy, God-loving friendships. It takes commitment to be part of a group but the reward for you and your family is always greater.



Text "GROUPS" to 56316 for information about groups at Bayside Church.



Will You Pray for My Health?

CONSIDER

"Happy, healthy parents make happy, healthy children" Dr Miriam Stoppard

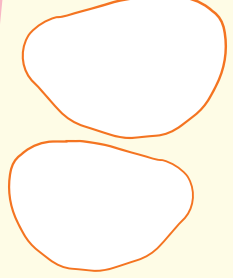
READ

"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." Isaiah 41:10

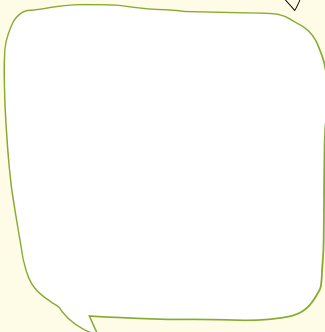
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Lord, Today, I pray for 's health. I pray that you will help my health and wellbeing be an example to my children. Give me wisdom in how to keep my children physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually healthy. Thank you that Your Word promises Your presence and strength when we are discouraged. Thank you that You are a God who also brings healing and restoration. Amen

ASK: What steps can I take to improve the health of my family?



WRITE YOUR OWN PRAYER HERE



DO: Follow this great advice from



'Mommy Doctors' for keeping your kids healthy:

<https://www.parents.com/health/hygiene/10-things-mommy-docs-do-to-keep-their-kids-healthy/>

Will You Pray for My Salvation?

READ

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

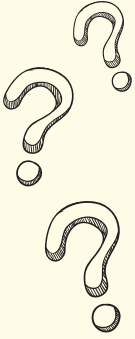
” Romans 10:9




CONSIDER

Have you ever explained the Gospel to your children. The ABC of Salvation might be a great place to start: A: ADMIT that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23, 6:23) B: BELIEVE that Jesus is the Son of God, He died to take the punishment for our sins and rose again to make a way for us to have eternal life (John 3:16) C: CHOOSE to follow Jesus and give your life to Him (Romans 10:9-10)

Will You Pray for My Salvation?



Ask: How can I be intentional in helping my children take the next step in their relationship with Christ?

Do: After explaining the ABC's of Salvation, lead your children in the following prayer of salvation: 

Dear Lord Jesus

I am sorry for all my sin. Please forgive me.

I believe in You and that You died on the cross and then rose again for me. Please come into my heart and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Today, I choose to be a Christian and follow You forever. Amen.



Resources

For Parents...

★ **Praying Circles Around Your Kids - Mark Batterson**

★ **Leading Kids To Jesus - David Staal**

★ **5 Love Languages of Children - Gary Chapman Ross
Campbell**

★ **A Mom's Guide to Lies Girls Believe - Dannah Gresch**

★ **Raising a Modern Day Knight - Robert Lewis**
For Kids...

★ **Love Does for Kids - Bob Goff**

★ **Indescribable: 100 Devotions for Kids About God
and Science - Louis Giglio**

★ **I Will Follow Jesus Bible Storybook**
- Judah and Chelsea Smith

★ **Jesus Calling for Kids Series - Bible Devotions for Kids**
/Girls /Boys / Storybook - Sarah Young

★ **Triple Dog Dare - One Year of Dynamic Devotions for
Boys - Jeremy V Jones**

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