

HEAVENLY FATHER,

I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY, GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFT OF PARENTHOOD. THANK YOU FOR THE PRECIOUS CHILDREN YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED TO MY CARE. PLEASE GRANT ME THE WISDOM, PATIENCE, AND LOVE I NEED TO GUIDE THEM ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL.

LORD, I ASK FOR YOUR WISDOM, AS JAMES 1:5 (NLT) SAYS, "IF YOU NEED WISDOM, ASK OUR GENEROUS GOD, AND HE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU. HE WILL NOT REBUKE YOU FOR ASKING." HELP ME TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT WILL LEAD MY CHILDREN TOWARDS YOU AND TO BE A GOOD EXAMPLE IN MY ACTIONS AND WORDS.

GRANT ME PATIENCE, LORD, AS COLOSSIANS 3:12 (NLT) INSTRUCTS, "SINCE GOD CHOSE YOU TO BE THE HOLY PEOPLE HE LOVES, YOU MUST CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH TENDERHEARTED MERCY, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, AND PATIENCE." HELP ME TO SHOW PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING, EVEN IN CHALLENGING TIMES.

FILL ME WITH YOUR LOVE, SO I CAN REFLECT YOUR UNCONDITIONAL LOVE TO MY CHILDREN. AS 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 (NLT) REMINDS US, "LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND. LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS OR BOASTFUL OR PROUD OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT DEMAND ITS OWN WAY. IT IS NOT IRRITABLE, AND IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF BEING WRONGED. IT DOES NOT REJOICE ABOUT INJUSTICE BUT REJOICES WHENEVER THE TRUTH WINS OUT. LOVE NEVER GIVES UP, NEVER LOSES FAITH, IS ALWAYS HOPEFUL, AND ENDURES THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE."

GUIDE ME IN TEACHING MY CHILDREN YOUR WAYS, AS DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7 (NLT) SAYS, "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."

HELP ME TO BE PRESENT, TRULY LISTENING TO MY CHILDREN AND UNDERSTANDING THEIR NEEDS. LET ME PROVIDE A HOME FILLED WITH PEACE, JOY, AND YOUR PRESENCE.

STRENGTHEN MY FAITH, SO I CAN LEAN ON YOU IN ALL THINGS. LET MY CHILDREN SEE IN ME A DEEP, ABIDING TRUST IN YOU, AND LET THAT TRUST BE A FOUNDATION FOR THEIR OWN FAITH.

FORGIVE ME FOR MY SHORTCOMINGS, AND HELP ME TO SEEK YOUR FORGIVENESS AND GRACE DAILY. AS I GROW IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU, HELP ME TO GROW AS A PARENT, SHOWING MY CHILDREN YOUR GRACE AND MERCY.

IN JESUS' NAME, I PRAY.

AMEN.