## A Prayer for Parents



## All praise and glory be to the triune God!

Dear Father, we place our beloved children entirely in your hands. We trust in You. Give them the desire, the grace, and the perseverance to live holy lives. Help them to be always convinced of Your unconditional love.

Bless our children's future vocations, their future spouses, and our future progeny. Bring our children the friends, the teachers, the employment, and the community they need to grow and to thrive.

Teach our children to pray and to love the Sacred Scripture. Make Your Will attractive to them and give them the courage to respond to Your voice. Capture their imaginations and their hearts. Help them to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ—filled with the Holy Spirit, loving the Church, and frequenting the Sacraments.

Protect them, Lord, from the evil one. Help them to see where sin lurks and be repelled by it. Guard their souls, minds, emotions, and bodies.

Strengthen their guardian angels. Heal their woundedness.

Please help our children grow in every virtue and may their love for You and others cause them to be, "blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom [they] shine like lights in the world, as [they] hold on to the word of life" (Phil 2:15-16).

Thank you for these lives that You have entrusted to us and give us the wisdom and grace to draw them closer to You day-by-day. Work for their good, even through our weakness, and help us be examples of fidelity, compassion, and service.

As a family, may we always live together in the garden of Mary's Immaculate Heart. We ask you to perfect us in love so that we may enjoy familial peace and unity here on earth and be reunited one day in the beatific vision. Amen.