

For ourselves

Loving God,

I thank you for the blessing that children are to us. I pray for those children who have contact with our church in some way. I ask that you would continue to build relationships in our community through the work we do here. Help us to remember how precious they are to you, and love them as you would. Bless them, each one wherever they may be this day.

Loving God, hear my prayer. Amen.

For ministry

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for all those children you have guided over the years, and brought into full time ministry for you. Thank you that you have a call on our lives from a very young age. I pray that as the children around us today encounter who you are, they may be given opportunities to develop and grow into men and women of God, who share a passion for you with those around them. May they be bold characters, willing to serve their lives for you. I pray that they will make good decisions in their lives which are honouring to you.

Heavenly Father, hear my prayer. Amen.



How do I pray for children?

'At that time Jesus went up a hill to pray and spent the whole night there praying to God.' (Luke 6:12)

Jesus is always a good example for us to follow.

Prayer changes things. Be encouraged as you pray for those children you come into contact with during your week.

This is a collection of prayers written in response to the above question. It has been written to help guide you when praying for children in your family, church and community.

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Parents

Heavenly Father,
Although at times life can be very hectic and busy with so many things going on in family life, I ask that you would give me patience to spend time listening to my children's concerns and worries as well as their joys and excitements. Help me to nurture them in a way that is supportive and pleasing to you.
Heavenly Father, hear my prayer, Amen.

Grandparents

Loving God,
As a Grandparent, please help me to show your love and kindness to my Grandchildren through my actions and words. Give me wisdom to provide them with guidance which is wholesome and speaks of your love. May they grow in their understanding of you day by day and want to know more.
Loving God, hear my prayer. Amen.

For stillness

Heavenly Father,
Your Bible tells us in the Psalms to take time to 'Be still and know that I am God' and my prayer today is that during the busiest times for our children, they might find some moments to be still and know just that.
As they play and share with their friends, be with them in their experiences. Hold them close to your heart and guide their steps.
Heavenly Father hear my prayer, Amen.

For character

Loving God,
For those children I meet and have met, may they show kindness to others as you say in your word. Help them to learn to share with their friends. I pray that what comes from their mouths would be pleasing to you. Lord, give them courage to stand up for what is right and to be able to say sorry when they are wrong. May they grow into the people that you want them to be.
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

For protection

Heavenly Father,
As our children go out each day, we ask that you would protect them, be at their side, keep them safe from harm and hold them firmly in your hands. May they feel secure wherever they are, knowing that you are with them.
Heavenly Father, hear my prayer.

For creation

God of creation,
I pray for all those children in our community, whether they know you or not. Give them eyes which appreciate your creation. Help them to take time to look after the world you have created for them to be a part of. May they see your beauty in the things around them and grow to care for your land and it's people.
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, Amen.