



4 Things You Can Pray for your Child *with your Child*

Where can you pray these things? Anywhere, at any time! That's the amazing flexibility of prayer. This means pray on the way to school, before or after dinner or right before bed. But kids love routine, so try and have a time set aside to focus on prayer.

- 1) **Salvation** – Pray for your child's salvation in front of them (John 17:3). They should know you love and are concerned for their soul. Here's how you can pray this, ***“Lord, I pray for _____ that they would know you, know your love for them and be saved.”*** This may bring up questions of what that looks like and means – a perfect opportunity to teach your kids about God's salvation.
- 2) **Their Relationships** – Pray for your child's friends (Prov 13:20). Friendships really matter and if you can begin to train your kids to look for God in their friendships, that will be so beneficial in the long-term. Here's how you can pray for this, ***“Father, I pray for _____ that you would bless their friendships and _____ could see you in their friendships. Help _____ to find friends who act like you and love like you.”***
- 3) **Protection from Evil & Fortitude to Face it** – Pray not only for protection, but also courage to overcome evil with good (Matt 6:13). When I pray this, I am thinking about culture, sexuality & violence. I don't say any of those out loud, I keep it general, but our kids need to know they can trust God for protection – and not only that, but also give us the courage to stand up to present evils. Pray like this: ***“Lord God, I pray that you would protect _____ from evil and give them courage to face it. Help _____ to be confident in trusting that you have power to overcome evil with good.”*** Use prayer in this way to build their confidence to stand up for what is right and good.
- 4) **Other Scripture Verses** – Pray different verses that you want your child to memorize (Ps 119:11). I think this may be the best way to help foster Scripture memorizing because your child is not actively trying to memorize and getting frustrated but passively learn it through your prayer. Pray like this, ***“Father, in heaven, your steadfast love endures forever. There is nothing that can take away your love from us. Help _____ to grow in knowing the height and breadth and depth of your love with all our church friends.”*** It's good to plan and think about what Scripture verses to pray with your kids and a motivation for you to memorize too!

Want to plan a visit to our church? Text Bethany, our admin, at [6023822688](tel:6023822688) to have someone meet you at the door for this **Sunday morning service at 10:30AM!**

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