

Praying for our Children

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN THEIR HEARTS

When we teach our children, we are looking for more than simply behavior modification, we are looking for heart change. What we teach our children with intentional Bible teaching and in the godly examples we live out before their eyes, *will only stick by the Holy Spirit causing their faith to take root and grow in their lives*. The burden of parenting is to be taken seriously, as we learn in Proverbs 23:14, that loving and firm discipline will prove to save a child's very soul from hell. Yet, the *ultimate agent of change* in a child's heart is God working the truths of the gospel, through the Holy Spirit, in our children's hearts. Let us pray to that end. It is never too late to be praying that our kids would respond to His voice today!



PRAY FOR SALVATION AT A YOUNG AGE

I Samuel 3 describes Samuel's calling. Most of the time when the concept of "calling" is used in the Scriptures it is not a calling to ministry, but a calling unto salvation, as in Ephesians 1:1-14 and Romans 8:30. Though in I Samuel 3 we have both happening simultaneously—Samuel being called to know the Lord and grow in Him as well as a calling to be a special prophet of God. At the beginning of the chapter, it clearly says "Samuel did not yet know the Lord" (v. 7). Then, when the Lord did reveal Himself to Samuel, he lay still to hear the Lord and in the morning he himself sought the Lord in His temple (v. 15). He then "grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground" (v. 19).

Pray that your children (and grandchildren) would say to the Lord,
sooner than later,

as Samuel said "Speak, for your servant hears."

Pray that they would desire one thing,
to seek the Lord in His temple (Psalm 27:4).



**PRAY THAT OUR CHILDREN WOULD UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN
SALVATION IN A MORE CLEAR WAY AS THEY GROW**

A prayer based on Ephesians 1:3-14

Dear Lord,

Please be pleased with my children.

May they bless you and not curse you with their words, actions, or thoughts.

Help me to model this for them today.

May my children realize that they have every spiritual blessing in Christ.

May they see today how they are on the winning team, for
greater is He who is in them than the one who is in the world.

May they rejoice today that they have been in your loving sites since before they were born,
before I was born, before the world was created.

May they see that you have looked upon them to be like you,
holy— pure and set apart;
set apart from the world, set apart unto you—their Creator and Lord.

May they see a big big big understanding of your LOVE for them—that you have our good and
our joy in mind.

May they see that this brings big big big glory unto *your* name.

May they *embrace* bringing you glory by enjoying you today.

Dear Father, please help him to see that he is *your* child, adopted in love.

May he act in line with his big brother, Jesus Christ.

May she have sweet fellowship with Jesus Christ, her Lord.

May they see that their Brother died in order to bring them into the family of God.

May they have sweet fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ,
because they relish the lavish forgiveness of their own sin.

May they be moved to repentance, in order to walk in fellowship,
with Jesus and other believers.

May they then be moved by gratitude to love those around them.

Because they have been blessed, may they bless others.

May they view successful ministry as
loving all those whom you put into their path.

May they go deep into the mystery of Christ,
in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom.

May they see the purpose for their lives in total agreement and
cooperation with your purpose for their lives.

May they live in the power of the Holy Spirit today,
whilst looking forward to their inheritance in heaven.

Dear God, we rest in Your watching over their souls.

