

“The Lord is longsuffering and patient, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”  
2 Peter 3:9 - 3 John v4

### Prayer For Our Children

Lord - May my children hear, understand and accept the Gospel message, your free gift of salvation, given by your grace through the shed blood of Jesus and His resurrection to bring us life eternal. May they have joy and rejoice always in spite of circumstances knowing your Spirit has been placed in their heart as their guarantee of salvation and heaven. Through the love of your Word, may they grow in grace and knowledge and come to know you as you desire to be known and have revealed yourself. May the roots of their faith grow deep and strong so they may understand clearly who they are “in Christ” and develop by that faith the perseverance and endurance to see them through all their trials knowing your Spirit is their guide. Lord I desire that my children will come to know the power and wisdom of coming to you first, in prayer, in thankfulness for all things, and desiring your will in guiding their requests and those of whom they hold dear. Let them understand and be comforted by the truth that though they will err, and reap the consequences of what they sow, you have promised to work all things for our good because we are your called. Grant them the ability to develop self-discipline and self-control, understanding the value you place on purity of body, soul and mind. Lord, let love, foremost, develop in them a character that displays honesty, integrity, justice, mercy, compassion, kindness and respect. Let them learn the importance of maturity, responsibility and the proper respect for authority. May they realize that forgiveness of others is as important as the forgiveness we have received from you. May recognizing the importance of your view of humility allow them to be humble, exercising a servant's heart. Father, I ask that you give them a vision for their life, and an understanding that whatever the work of their hands, when done properly and done as unto the Lord, is dignified in the eyes of God. May they desire your blessings, yet be content, with that state in which you have placed them. Guide them to the proper mate that they may enjoy their family and its fulfilling relationships as you designed. Father, many of us strayed very far, and for far too long, needing to end up on our knees and calling your name, before we realized, in your patience, you had been waiting all along with an outstretched hand for just that moment. Some of us have children who have strayed Lord, some of them are young, some are older and though we never wish pain on them, we ask that you bring them to their knees, knowing they have no control to change their situation, that they will call on you, and in doing so, through your love, grace and in your patience, receive forgiveness and salvation. Lord, we pray for not only ours but for all, that through reconciliation they will find (as we have) that making peace with God brings the Peace of God which provides the strength we need daily. With courage, through our trust and confidence in your faithfulness, may we persevere and persist in our prayers for them always. From the depth of our hearts, in praise and thanksgiving, we thank you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all you have done, all you are doing and we wait in great expectation for all you shall do in our lives and those of our precious children. Amen

“He brought me up also out of the pit of despair, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Blessed is that man that makes the Lord his trust...”  
Psalm 40:2-4