Praying For Your Children

"Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." Luke 2:22

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to be presented to the Lord. We also are stewards over all that God has given to us and we want to offer our children up to the Lord. One way to do that is through consistent prayer.

Example prayer of dedication

"Dear Heavenly Father, I dedicate myself as a living sacrifice to you. And I commit myself to bringing up (Your Child's name) in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. I know my child belongs to you and is a gift from you. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

There are spiritual forces that we cannot see, which is one reason we are dependent upon the Lord and pray in the Spirit at times for our children.
"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." Ephesians 6:18

Pray about all things for your children, the Lord loves hearing from you on their behalf.
14 And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. 15 And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for. 16 If you see a fellow believer sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life. But there is a sin that leads to death, and I am not saying you should pray for those who commit it."
1 John 5:14-16

Pray for your child's salvation. It is God's will that all are saved, so we know that we are praying His will when we are lifting others up to become closer to the Lord.

Example prayer for salvation

"Dear Lord, I lift up (Your Child's name) before you. I stand against and bind the enemy who would be keeping them from seeing the light and the truth in your Word. I pray that the enemy has no power over them. In the name of Jesus, I stand against any strongholds that may be in (Your Child's name) mind that is keeping them from coming closer to you Lord. I pray that you let me be a positive witness for You, Lord Jesus, in their life and that your love will come out of me and unto them. I pray that your Holy Spirit speaks to them, whispers into their spirit, gives them dreams, and calls out to them and tells them how much that you love them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen!"

Example prayer for protection

"Dear Lord, I thank you that you have angels watching out over (Your Child's name). I plead the Blood of Jesus to be covering my child with a hedge of spiritual protection. I pray Lord that you help me with my daily walk, and my words and actions so that they will help set a good example for my child to live right. I pray when temptation arises in my child's life that you provide a way of escape and give them the courage and spiritual boldness to make the right choices, not caring what others think, but care more about what you think Lord. I pray for any traps or deception that the enemy sets up for my child that you will help them past those things and help them overcome in every situation."

Example prayer for your child's future

"Dear Lord Jesus, I pray for your guidance for (your child's name). You have plans for them, for a future and a hope. I pray Lord that you reveal your plans to them through your soft still voice into their spirit. I pray that you

give them dreams of their future. I pray that you speak clear to them on where you want them to be, what you want them to do, who you want them to be with. Reveal their next steps and give them a strong sense of your peace to know they are walking in the right direction. I pray Lord that my child seeks guidance from people full of wisdom when they need to make important choices. I pray Lord that you give my child a love for me and a desire to hear the wisdom in my heart that is there from the Word of God to share with them. I pray for my child to look up to their Pastor and seek wisdom and guidance from him and be open to correction, rebuke, and wanting to always better themselves to align what they believe to what the Word of God says. Lord, I pray that you give my child a hunger for your Word, that it burns within them when they hear it and speak it. I pray for their future spouse to be someone chasing after you! Preserve the right person Lord for them and let them chase after you together. Let desires rise up in their heart that you give to them to be able to use the gifts and talents that you have for them. Let them have a desire for life and to be excited to pursue the good things that you have prepared for them. Give them boldness Lord! I pray for any anxiety of the future to leave them and for them to be excited, chasing after you Lord all of their days!"

Example prayer for yourself as a parent in difficult situations

"Lord Jesus, I ask that you quiet my mind and my spirit to be able to hear more clearly from you. Help me in my relationship with (Your child's name). I am depending on You for Your love to flow into me so that it can be shown to my child. Give me the strength to endure hard times and hard conversations with my child. Lord, help me to show my child that you care about challenges and want to be involved. I pray Lord that you reassure them of your love for them and allow me to as well. I pray for a peace over my home and for your Holy Spirit to be welcome to do your good pleasure."

Scripture to pray over your children

Pray that your child's joy will overflow.
"I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!" John 15:11.

Pray that they come near to God and cling to His Word.
"Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world." James 4:8.

Pray that they become reliant on the Lord.
"At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name." John 16:23
"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Pray that they love People.
"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them." Ephesians 4:29
"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you." John 15:12.

Pray that they live out God's calling on their life.
"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11
"How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!" Psalm 139:17
"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Pray for God's blessings and favor to follow them.
"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ." Ephesians 1:3