

That God will build a hedge of protection around them, keeping them from wrong people and places

Therefore I will block her path with thornbushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way. Hosea 2:6

Other helpful passages in praying for children

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

¹¹ With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. ¹² We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Scripture Prayer Guide Using the Word of God To Pray for Children

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Sunday

That they will come to know Christ early in life

And how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Timothy 3:15

That they will grow in their relationship with Christ

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

That they will be single-hearted, willing to be sold out to Jesus Christ

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2

Monday

That their parents will train them in the proper way

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

That their parents will teach and model God's truth to them

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon

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your hearts. ⁷ *Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.* ⁸ *Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.* ⁹ *Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.* Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Tuesday

That their wrong actions will be corrected

It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. Psalm 119:71

That they will have a hatred for sin

Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 97:10

That they will confess their sin

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Wednesday

That they will be kept from the wrong mate and kept for the right one

¹⁴ *Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?* ¹⁵ *What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?* ¹⁶ *What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."* 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

That they, as well as their future mates, will be kept pure until marriage

¹⁸ *Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.* ¹⁹ *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from*

God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Thursday

That they will be protected in each one of their lives: spiritual, emotional, physical

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. John 17:14

That they will totally submit to God and resist Satan in all circumstances

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

Friday

That they will obey their parents

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Colossians 3:20

That they will learn to submit to those in authority

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Romans 13:1

That they will love God and other people

³⁰ *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."* ³¹ *The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these."* Mark 12:30-31

Saturday

That they will desire the right kind of friends and be protected from the wrong kind

¹⁰ *My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them.* ¹¹ *If they say, "Come along with us; let's lie in wait for someone's blood, let's waylay some harmless soul;"* Proverbs 1:10-11

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33