

Hello Parents!

At Port City, we want to do everything we can to help you and your kids walk with God and to equip you to lead them in this way. Even though it sometimes feels like we're not really doing anything when we pray, it's actually one of the most powerful tools we have as parents.

Through prayer we can find wisdom and guidance for parenting and achieve greater results in the lives of our kids. I encourage you to commit to praying daily for your children. It will not only make a difference in your child's life, but your heart will be filled with peace too! I have created this prayer guide as a way to help you get started.

Praying with you,

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Day 1 - Psalm 127:3, Thank God for each of your children and for entrusting them to your care. Ask God to help you care for them well and to help you provide a healthy home. Ask Him to help you see and receive each child as a gift, even on challenging days.

Day 2 - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, Ask God to help you love your children the way He loves you. Pray that God will give you daily opportunities and creative ways to make your children feel loved, safe, secure, valued, and cared for.

Day 3 - Ephesians 5:1-2, Pray that your children will naturally witness your love for God and obedience to His Word. Pray that as you model genuine godliness in your life and home, your children will follow your example.

Day 4 - John 10:27, Pray for your child's faith. We can point our children to the truth, but at some point they must choose on their own to have a relationship with Jesus.

Day 5 - Proverbs 15:22, Ask God to send role models who will invest in your child's life and give them wise counsel.

Day 6 - 1 Corinthians 15:58, Pray for your child's character. Pray that they will embrace a life of integrity and goodness.

Day 7 - Proverbs 22:6, Ask God to help you resist holding unrealistic expectations for yourself as a parent or for your children (no one is perfect!) Pray that God would help you to constantly point your children toward Him.

Day 8 - Proverbs 3:12, Pray to have wisdom and courage to discipline your children out of love when they disobey you. Ask God to help you discipline your child in a way that is effective for correction, but that is seasoned with love and grace.

Day 9 - Proverbs 12:26, Pray for your child to find good friends who will pull them up.

Day 10 - Proverbs 13:20, Ask God to make your child wise. Pray for God to grant your child wisdom to know the difference between right and wrong.

Day 11 - Proverbs 18:10, Ask God for His hand of protection over your child. Your children have never spent so much time away from you as they will in their teen years.

Day 12 - Psalm 62:5, Pray for your child to have peace and a calm heart in the midst of chaos. The stress, drama, and anxiety in the adolescent years is high. Pray that they will sleep well at night and wake up ready for the day ahead.

Day 13 - Deuteronomy 31:6, Ask God to give your child courage when they are feeling unsure, insecure or scared.

Day 14 - Genesis 1:27, Galatians 2:20, Ask God to give your child confidence knowing who he/she is in Him. We need to constantly remind our children that they are created in the image of God. The media tells them they are not good enough and they believe it. Pray for God to give you the words to say that will build your child up and let them know how wonderfully made they are!

Day 15 - 1 Corinthians 10:13, Pray for your child to have the strength to say no when needed. This world is filled with temptation; ask God to help your child stand firm.

Day 16 - Jeremiah 29:11, Pray for your child's future. Ask God to prepare them for what lies ahead and for His blessing to be upon them.

Day 17 - 1 Timothy 6:6, Philippians 4:11, Pray for joy and peace for you and your child. No amount of money or success will ever bring happiness unless we learn to be content in a variety of circumstances. Real joy is found in our perspective, not our situations.

Day 18 - Philippians 4:8, Pray for purity of your child's mind. Ask God to keep the negative influences of the media away. Pray for God's guidance and help in keeping your child pure in thought.

Day 19 - Psalm 40:1-2, Your child will face difficult situations and pain that seems to have no answers. Ask God to comfort your child in times of need (even when they forget to ask). Pray for the Lord to wrap his loving arms around your child and bring them peace.

Day 20 - 1 John 3:18, If you are married, thank God for giving you your spouse to love and to raise a family together. Be sure to keep your marriage a priority. Ask God to give you creative ways to spend time together. Pray for God to protect your marriage.

Day 21 - Proverbs 27:17, Ask God to help you identify a parenting mentor. Pray that God would help you to be open and honest with them as you share your concerns and fears. Pray for listening ears to learn from their experience.