

WILLINGNESS TO WORK Teach my children to value work and to work with all their heart, as working for the Lord and not for men (Col. 3:23).

PASSION FOR GOD Lord, please instill in my children a soul that follows hard after You and clings passionately to You (Psa. 63:8).

SELF-DISCIPLINE Father, I pray that my children will develop a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair (Prov. 1:3).

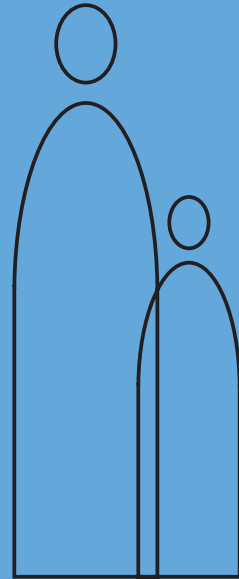
PRAYERFULNESS Grant, Lord, that my children's lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that they may learn to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers (Eph. 6:18).

GRATITUDE Help my children's lives always overflow with thankfulness and always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 5:20; Col. 2:7).

A HEART FOR MISSIONS Lord, please help my children develop a desire to see Your glory declared among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among the peoples (Psa. 96:3).

Thirty-One Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Child

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SALVATION Lord, let salvation spring up within my children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory (Isa. 45:8; 2 Tim. 2:10).

GROWTH IN GRACE I pray that my children will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18).

LOVE Grant, Lord, that my children learn to live a life of love, through Your Spirit who dwells in them (Gal. 5:25; Eph. 5:2).

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY May integrity and honesty be their virtue and their protection (Psa. 25:21).

SELF-CONTROL Father, help my children to be different from the world, alert and self-controlled in all they do (1 Thes. 5:6).

LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD May my children grow to find Your Word more precious than pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb (Psa. 19:10).

JUSTICE God, help my children love justice as You do and act justly in all they do (Psa. 11:7; Mic. 6:8).

MERCY May my children always be merciful, just as their Father is merciful (Luke 6:36).

RESPECT Father, grant that my children show proper respect to everyone (themselves, others, those in authority) as Your Word commands (1 Pet. 2:17).

BIBLICAL SELF-ESTEEM Help my children develop a strong self-esteem, rooted in the realization that they are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:10).

FAITHFULNESS Let love and faithfulness never leave my children, but bind these twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of their hearts (Prov. 3:3).

COURAGE May my children always be strong and courageous in their character and in their actions (Deut. 31:6).

PURITY Create in my children a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in their actions (Psa. 51:10).

KINDNESS Lord, may my children always be kind to each other and to everyone else (1 Thes. 5:15).

GENEROSITY Grant that my children be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age (1 Tim. 6:18-19).

LOVE OF PEACE Father, let my children make every effort to do what leads to peace (Rom. 14:19).

JOY May my children be filled with joy from the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 1:6).

PERSEVERANCE Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to run with perseverance the race marked out for them (Heb. 12:1).

HUMILITY God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward everyone (Tit. 3:2).

COMPASSION Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion (Col. 3:12).

RESPONSIBILITY Grant that my children learn responsibility, each one being willing to carry his own load (Gal. 6:5).

CONTENTMENT Father, teach my children the secret of being content in any and every situation, through Your strength (Phil. 4:12-13).

FAITH I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children's hearts, that by faith they may gain what has been promised to them (Luke 17:5-6; Heb. 11:1-14).

A SERVANT'S HEART God, please help my children develop a servant's heart, that they may serve wholeheartedly, as serving You alone (Eph. 6:7).

HOPE May the God of hope grant that my children overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:13).