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Introduction

I don't know how to be the perfect parent for my children," I said to God in desperation one day. "I need You to help me raise them."

God responded by impressing on my heart the following words: *If you are not covering your children in prayer every day, you are leaving their lives to chance.*

What a frightening thought!

"Then teach me how to pray for my children the way You would have me to, Lord," I said.

Over the next few years, I learned how to cover every aspect of my children's lives in prayer. I also learned that I didn't have to be a *perfect* parent; I just had to be a *praying* parent. That was something I *could* do.

For the past 37 years I have been praying for my children. (Yes, they are now grown, married,


and I'm still praying. I have seen such wonderful answers to my prayers.)

Throughout that time I've had regular prayer groups in my home for the sole purpose of praying for the children of everyone who attended. Each one of the participants has seen countless answers to prayer as well. That's because prayer works! And there is no more powerful prayer than that of a parent for his or her child.

God has given you spiritual authority over your child, and your prayers have power. This doesn't mean there will always be an immediate answer. Sometimes it can take days, weeks, months, or even years. But *your prayers are never meaningless*. If you are praying, something is happening.

I hope this book will be a helpful reminder to keep your children covered in prayer. I know you'll agree that leaving their lives to chance is not good enough.

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*All your children shall be
taught by the LORD, and great shall be the
peace of your children.*

ISAIAH 54:13





Becoming a Praying Parent

Lord, I submit myself to You. I realize that parenting a child in the way You would have me to is beyond my human abilities. I know I need You to help me. I want to partner with You and partake of Your gifts of wisdom, discernment, revelation, and guidance. I also need Your strength and patience, along with a generous portion of Your love flowing through me.

Teach me how to love the way You love. Where I need to be healed, delivered, changed, matured, or made whole, I invite You to do that in me. Help me to walk in righteousness and integrity before You.

Teach me Your ways, enable me to obey Your commandments and do only what is pleasing in Your sight.

In Jesus' name I pray.



Becoming a Praying Parent

Lord, may the beauty of Your Spirit be so evident in me that I will be a godly role model for my child. Give me the communication, teaching, and nurturing skills that I must have.

Grow me into being the kind of parent You want me to be and teach me how to pray and truly intercede for his (her) life. You said in Your Word, “Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive” (Matthew 21:22).

In Jesus’ name I ask that You will increase my faith to believe for all the things You have put on my heart to pray for concerning this child.

In Jesus’ name I pray.



Releasing My Child into God's Hands

Lord, I come to You in Jesus' name and give (name of child) to You. I'm convinced that You alone know what is best for him (her).

You alone know what he (she) needs. I release him (her) to You to care for and protect, and I commit myself to pray for everything concerning him (her) that I can think of or that You put upon my heart.

Teach me how to pray and guide me in what to pray about. Help me not to impose my own will when I'm praying for him (her), but rather enable me to pray that Your will be done in his (her) life. Thank You that I can partner with You in raising him (her) and that I don't have to do it alone.

In Jesus' name I pray.



Releasing My Child into God's Hands

Thank You, Lord, for the precious gift of my child. Because Your Word says that every good gift comes from You, I know that You have given him (her) to me to care for and raise.

Help me to do that. Show me places where I continue to hang on to him (her) and enable me to release him (her) to Your protection, guidance, and counsel.

Help me not to live in fear of possible dangers, but in the joy and peace of knowing that You are in control. I'm grateful that I don't have to rely on the world's unreliable and ever-changing methods of child rearing, but that I can have clear directions from Your Word and wisdom as I pray to You for answers. I rely on You for everything, and this day I trust my child to You and release him (her) into Your hands.

In Jesus' name I pray.



Securing Protection from Harm

Lord, I lift (name of child) up to You and ask that You would put a hedge of protection around her (him). Protect her (his) spirit, body, mind, and emotions from any kind of evil or harm.

I pray specifically for protection from accidents, disease, injury, or any other physical, mental, or emotional abuse.

I pray that she (he) will make her (his) refuge “in the shadow of Your wings” until “these calamities have passed by” (Psalm 57:1).

Hide her (him) from any kind of evil influences that would come against her (him).

In Jesus’ name I pray.

