

Lifting **Them** *Up*



52 Prayers to Pray Over Your
Replant Kids

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Introduction

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have before him:
If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
And if we know that he hears whatever we ask, we
know that we have what we have asked of him.

As a mother, praying for your children is an absolute necessity. It is a powerful tool that brings a profound sense of peace and strengthens your faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ but we often fail to use it. Prayer should always be our first choice, not a last resort, knowing the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy - targeting us, our husbands, and especially our children. Therefore, It's crucial to lift them up in prayer, regardless of their age or stage of life.

This book is filled with prayers inspired by the Holy Spirit, written by mothers who are Replant and Revitalization pastor wives just like you. You'll also find prayers from some of our children, who have firsthand knowledge of the subjects they've needed prayer for. I hope that these 52 prayers, along with the bonus holiday prayers, will guide you in praying for your dear children throughout the year.

Remember, you are never alone on this journey. The challenges your children face are never too daunting for God. I encourage you my sister not to worry nor hesitate to take them to God with confidence in prayer. He hears your every word. God bless!

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Loving Family

Romans 12:10

Love one another
deeply as brothers and
sisters. Outdo one

another in showing honor.

Heavenly Father,

My kids have been fighting a lot lately. It's making our time at home very stressful and our house does not seem like a sanctuary at the moment. Please impress upon their hearts the love they should have for each other. Let them grow together in a love for each other by growing in a love for You. Let them outdo one another in showing respect and honor so that their relationship can bring even more glory to You. As Jesus taught us to humbly serve, help them to work out their frustrations with each other by counting one another as more significant than themselves. Give me patience as they are working through their frustrations with each other. Guard my mouth from rash rebukes and help me to gently guide them in better ways to love each other and to love You.

In Your name I pray, Amen



Loving Wholeheartedly

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Heavenly Father,

I pray that my children love You with their whole heart and soul. I pray that they seek You daily with all of their strength. I pray that You are always close to them and they never find themselves in a season of wandering around in the wilderness like the Israelites. I pray that they pass their faith and love for You down to their children. Lord, let me be intentional and bold in the way that I share the gospel with them. Let me model what it is to follow You daily. Remind me that if I want them to follow You then I must love You with my heart, soul and strength.

In Your name, I pray, Amen



Trusting the Lord

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with
all your heart, and do not
rely on your own
understanding; in all your ways know him, and
he will make your paths straight.

Heavenly Father,
I pray that my children trust You with their whole
hearts. Lately, I have noticed that they are trying to go
their own way and lean on their own understanding.
They are taking foolish paths and I am worried that
unless they turn to You, walking these paths could have
long term consequences. Help me guide them towards
Your path. Help me show them the way to You and that
You can always be trusted. Do not let me grow weary
in doing the hard but good work of correcting them and
pointing them daily toward You and Your truth.
In Your name, I pray, Amen



Seeking Wisdom

James 1:5

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God - who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly - and it will be given to him.

Dear Lord,

I pray that this pastor's kid can know that there is no pressure on them to be perfect and that they can feel seen and loved. Lord, please guide them through the decisions that are put upon them throughout the day. Don't let them fall into peer pressure, Lord, but let them look to You for wisdom. If they are lacking wisdom, or seeking guidance, remind them that they can always run to You and that You will love them generously, just as they are.

In Your name, I pray, Amen

(Cash, age 15)



Stand Out

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern

what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Teach my kids that it is ok to be different. Following after Your will and Your ways will make them stand out from the crowd and that's actually a really good thing. Let them be transformed in their minds as they are daily renewed with Your biblical truth. Let Your words transform them into the people that You designed them to be and not who the world tells them they should be. Give them courage to live and walk as You would have them to so that they can fulfill the calling that You have placed on their lives.

In Your name, I pray, Amen



Love Like Christ

Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children, and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.

Dear Lord,

I pray that You help these kids not only be good pastor kids, but that they are just great kids who love You deeply. When they walk into the church, I pray that they don't feel as if they have to put on a mask or that they have to act a certain way because their dad is the pastor. I pray that when they go to church that they would act no differently than they would anywhere else. I pray that everywhere they go they love others like Jesus loved and they bring joy into whatever room they walk into. Most of all I pray that they always love You and desire a closer connection with You no matter where they may go in life.

In Your name, I pray, Amen

(Tripp, age 17)



Friendship

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his

companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up. And if someone overpowers one person, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not easily broken.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray that these Replant pastor kids can find friends that they can trust and who are loving. I pray that they find friends who they can laugh and have fun with but are also centered in Your truth. I also pray that they can be the kind of friend that You want them to be. Teach them to be the kind of friend who displays the fruit of the Spirit. If they ever feel lonely, remind them that You are always there for them and they are never alone.

In Your name, I pray, Amen

(Magnolia, age 13)



Chosen by God

1 Thessalonians 1:4

For we know, brothers
and sisters loved by
God, that he has chosen
you,

God,

Help them to learn from the mistakes of others to give them wisdom in their actions but still seek the love of the church. Help them to find true Christian friends who will help them grow in their faith. Help them with the struggles they keep hidden, the things that they may think aren't good enough and help them to know that You love them regardless of when they may fail.

Assure them of their genuine faith in You. Assure them that their identity is in You and not in other people or things of this world. Give them Your peace, Your love, and Your support.

In Jesus name, Amen

(Karis, age 14)



Confidence in Christ

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

Dear Lord,

Please be with the pastor's kids that are making their faith their own. That they would be confident in their decision that You are the Lord of their life. Be with them as they hear sermons of radical transformation they will never relate too. Help the pastor's kid that doesn't get to choose where they serve, that they would have confidence to tell their parents where they feel called to serve.

Amen

(Alethia, age 17)



Friendship

Proverbs 18:24

One with many friends
may be harmed, but
there is a friend who
stays closer than a
brother.

Dear Jesus,

Please help other pastor's kids with the friendships in
their life.

In Jesus name, Amen

(Sophia, age 12)



Spiritual Maturity

1 Peter 2:1-3

Therefore, rid
yourselves of all malice,
all deceit, hypocrisy,
envy, and all

slander. Like newborn infants, desire the pure
milk of the word, so that by it you may grow up
into your salvation, if you have tasted that the
Lord is good.

Dear God,

Please help the pastor kids that are more spiritually
mature in spirit and knowledge be full of grace and
mercy as they may be taught by adults that lack the
same maturity in these areas. Help them to recognize
that everyone grows at different paces and that while
they are growing this does not disqualify them from
teaching or leading. Help them look for growth, not
point out every flaw. Help the pastor kids not stall in
their growth when not challenged in a church setting
but to look for opportunities to grow in other formats. I
leave their hunger for You in Your hands!

Amen



Overlooking Offenses

Proverbs 19:11

A person's insight gives him patience, and his virtue is to overlook an offense.

Dear God,

I pray over these children as they see some of God's people on their worst days in a Replant ministry. Help them to have a filtered view of others behavior. Allow them also to see the repentance, forgiveness, and restored relationships. Help them not to grow bitter against the people of the church that always ask questions about their dad's plans, leadership, and shepherding.

Amen



My Child, My Priority

Psalm 116:1

I love the LORD because
he has heard my
appeal for mercy.

Dear God,

It is so important for our children to see us be the hands and feet of Jesus. We lead by example in showing them how to serve and love others as You do. Lord, I ask that You help them to remember the times we do this for them as well. It is so easy for our children to forget that we serve and love the family first. When we love others it can be inconvenient. Help them to see the lovely in this and not feel pushed to the side but part of the team. I pray that my child holds fast to the times that I get it right in prioritizing them!

Amen



Expectations

Matthew 22:37

He said to him, Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Dear God,

Please help my child not to feel the pressure of the church. I pray that they only perform for You and not out of expectations from the people of the church, me, or even expectation they conceive of themselves. A Replant church can have a lot of expectations for every member, not just the pastor kid. Help my child to see the bigger picture of the kingdom of God and the role they play in it. Help them to see that the title “pastor kid” is not a job description. Help me to guide them in seeking their spiritual gifts in order to serve the church, using their gifts to edify the body. I pray they are filled with passion for serving You and boldly ignore all other expectations.

Amen



Transparency

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.

Dear God,

Please help my child to have the strength to admit when they are struggling with sin. Help them not to hide in shame but to confess and be restored. Please bring someone into their life to walk this journey with them as they fight human flesh. Let them not feel like they are letting anyone down when they are struggling, but that this proves they are human. Help them see that their conviction is evidence of the Holy Spirit within them, and that is a blessing.

Amen



Brokenhearted

Psalms 34:18

The LORD is near the
brokenhearted; he saves
those crushed in spirit.

Dear God,

I am watching my children hurt. Replant life can be so demanding on our time, finances, and emotions. Then when we are hit with unmet expectations or unrealistic critics, the feelings are intensified and sometimes unmanageable. Lord, when there are no words that I can say, no answers to fix it, and my child is crushed, I plead with You to intercede and permeate their being. Please draw near in this time of need. For I know You do not waste our suffering and You will redeem this situation for Your honor and Your glory!

Amen



For the Lost Child

Luke 15:20b

But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him.

Dear God,

As I sit here tonight praying for my child, I am reminded of how You showed us Your love for the lost. You told us that You would seek after the lost like a father looks for a son— not passively, but with anticipation and reaction. You rejoice in the prodigal coming home, and I am praying for the day that my prodigal returns to You and to me. Lord, I pray that as they wander in the deserts and in areas unknown to me, You will keep them safe from harm. I pray that Your Spirit will guide them. Our Replant has been hard on them, Lord, and they've seen and heard some discouraging things from people of the church. I pray that You will remind them to forgive, even when it is hard. Bring them home soon, Lord.

Amen



Feeling Pressure

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his
workmanship, created
in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God
prepared ahead of time

for us to do.

Dear Lord,

My child feels so much pressure to be a “perfect Christian.” I know how they feel, Lord; I can feel it, too. When we put too much energy into what other people think of us, we can get confused about our identity. Father, please help me remind myself and my kids that their identity is found in You alone. You created us for a specific plan and purpose. You created me to be a Church Revitalization wife, and this is the work that I am doing. But what good works did You create them for? Please help them find their spot to serve and show them the good works that You created for them so they may walk in them.

In Jesus’s name, Amen



Anger Towards the Church

Ephesians 4:26-27

Be angry and do not
sin. Don't let the sun go
down on your anger,
and don't give the devil

an opportunity.

Dear Lord,

My child is so angry with the church today. They have seen things from Your people that have deeply wounded them. They are frustrated with this Replant, and they long to go somewhere they can feel joy in worship and not tension. I know that You have big plans for our church and You are moving, but sometimes that change is painful, especially for our family. Please give them the encouragement they need to let go of this bitterness and anger toward the church. Please remind them that this is a tool of the enemy and is not of You. Please show them that there are still those who love You and serve You.

God, allow my child to see You in others and to love others the way You love them. Help them cut down this root of bitterness so that it does not grow into a tree. Help them forgive, Father.

Amen



Mental Health Struggles

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

Heavenly Father,

I am pouring out prayers today for my child, who is struggling with mental illness. Lord, they are fighting every day against anxiety and depression, but it seems like mental illness is winning the fight. I am watching my child disappear a little more every day as this depression turns them into someone I don't recognize. I don't know how to fix this or how to help them, but I know You do. You have given them a spirit of power, love, and self-control, and I pray that You would help them walk in that spirit and not in the spirit of fear I see today. I know that You tell us Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light, but right now, they are feeling heavy-laden and burdened. Lord, please give them Your strength and help them fight this battle. Thank You, Lord.

Amen



New Christian

Ephesians 3:17b-19

I pray that you, being
rooted and firmly
established in love, may
be able to comprehend
with all the saints what

is the length and width, height and depth of
God's love, and to know Christ's love that
surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled
with all the fullness of God.

Dear Lord,

I am so excited that my child knows You and Your
salvation! This is a day I have prayed for, and now that
it is here, I am overjoyed at how You are moving in
their life. God, I pray that they will grow in their faith. I
pray that You will dwell in them and give them
strength. I pray that they will comprehend the breadth,
length, height, and depth of Your love and that they
will be filled with You. Grant them the wisdom to
continue to fall in love with Your word and to learn
more about the Bible each day. I pray that You will
allow them to grow strong in their faith and that they
will see this Revitalization effort as something they
now work toward, as well. Not merely as pastor's kids,
but as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

In His name, Amen



Made in God's Image

Psalm 139:13-14

For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well.

Dear God,

My child is struggling with her self-confidence. She feels like she doesn't fit in and like she never will. But God, I know that You have called her to greater things! You aren't calling her to fit in with the world. Instead, You want her to be different. But at her age, it can feel like the worst thing in the world to be different from everyone else. Help her to see herself the way You see her and to recognize You have created her as the wonderful person that she is. Remind her that her beauty is found in following You, not in the size of her jeans or the number on the scale. Father, she is surrounded by girls she thinks are prettier, smarter, and more talented than she is. Help her to see that You have gifted her in her own unique ways. Give her the confidence to push forward into her own gifts and the works that You have created for her to do.

In Your Name, Amen



Draw My Child to You

Philippians 1:6

I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until

the day of Christ Jesus.

Dear Jesus,

I am resting on Your promise today. I am resting in the thought that You will carry on Your good work in my child's heart. Lord, they started strong. They had an unshakeable faith as a child. But now, they are grown up and are making decisions that don't honor You, their family, or themselves. It feels like they are moving further away from the faith they once loved. I know that they are far from You right now, Lord. I cannot know someone else's salvation, and if they were truly saved, they are certainly backsliding. But if they were never saved, please open their eyes to that truth and draw them to You in true, authentic faith. I long to see them stand firm in their faith and serve You with their whole heart. I pray that You will guide them to You.

Amen



The Lord's Prayer from a Mom

Matthew 6:9b-13

Our Father in heaven,
your name be honored
as holy. Your kingdom

come. Your will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And
forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven
our debtors. And do not bring us into
temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Yahweh,

I come to You today, acknowledging Your holiness.
Your name is higher than any other name. You are set
apart and altogether different from any person, place,
or thing. I want to see Your will done here on earth in
the heart of my child. I know that Your plan for them
might look different than what I planned. Help me
understand that Your ways are higher than mine. Please
give my child everything they need today. I pray they
will seek Your forgiveness for their sins and that they
will be quick to forgive others. I ask that You protect
them from temptation and lead them in Your path of
righteousness. Deliver them from the enemy's attack
on their self-worth and show them You are greater than
what they fear.

Amen



Speechless

Romans 8:26, 28

In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we

should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with unspoken groanings. We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

God,

I am at my wit's end. I am completely without any words for my child other than, "Help me, Father, please." I don't know what to do or what to say to them or to You. I'm angry with them. How can they turn their back on You and on their faith? I feel so betrayed, God. I thought church revitalization would be fun and that we'd see a church go from death to life, but in the process, it seems my child went from life to death. I don't blame the church, but I thought following You wouldn't seem so hard. I know that the Spirit is interceding for me because right now, my words are failing, and I am grateful that You know what I mean and what I need. Please give me some encouragement, God. I need a reminder that this is Your plan and that You are still in control.

Amen



Salvation

Romans 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the

dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.

God,

Thank You that there is no sin that is too big, awful, or shameful for You. I pray that my child will come to know You personally. Soften their hard heart to make it so they chase after You. Give my child faith to trust You, to allow them to see how wonderful You are.

Assure them You are able to change situations for their good and Your Glory. Nothing is too hard for You.

Plant the seed and water it so it may grow. I will wait patiently for the harvest. As I wait, I will praise You in advance for what You are going to do.

Amen



Serving God

John 14:12

Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am

going to the Father.

Heavenly Father,

I praise You for Your loving grace. Thank You for allowing me and my husband to serve in the capacity of Replant/Revitalization. I consider it a blessing to be used by You. In addition to serving alongside my husband, I want to serve alongside my children. Lead them to a church home that preaches and teaches Your word. Give them a heart to serve faithfully and a burning desire to be active in the church. Allow them to use the gift that You have blessed them with to uplift the kingdom. Let them thrive in their spiritual abilities to fulfill the great mission. Give them joy in serving, and an understanding of the impact that believers can have, when they come together in unity utilizing their gifts for the good while glorifying You Lord. This is Your servant's prayer.

Amen



Protection

Psalm 23:4

Even when I go
through the darkest
valley, I fear no danger,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff

- they comfort me.

Dear Lord,

Cover my children as they are out and about in this evil world. Protect their bodies from hurt, harm, danger, sickness and disease. Protect their minds from evil thoughts. Replace those thoughts with scripture, thoughts of goodness and Your kindness. Protect their souls that it will be well with You. Be a shelter for them when storms come in their life. Be the lifter of their head when they feel defeated. Let them be led by the spirit and not by the flesh. Open their spiritual eyes for them to see that you are the one that goes before them. Lord, You are the one who fights their battles and they are already won because You are victorious. Thank You for dangers seen and unseen that You have already protected them from. I ask that You continue to wrap Your loving arms around them.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen



Friends

Proverbs 13:20

The one who walks
with the wise will
become wise, but a
companion of fools
will suffer harm.

Heavenly Father,
One of life's most wonderful blessings can be friends.
Someone to confide in, have fun with and encourage
you along this christian walk. Lord, surround my
children with true companions that love and reverence
You and not foolish people. Friends that will offer
godly advice who stand on Your word. Lord, provide
them with friends that are honest and filled with
wisdom. Provide them with friends that will hold them
accountable for their actions and challenge them to
demonstrate integrity. For the wide gate that many will
enter leads to destruction, but the narrow gate is not
easy but leads to righteousness. Father, if they have
challenges in finding a good friend, remind them that
they can always call on me and most importantly they
have a friend in You.

Amen



Health

Matthew 9:35

Jesus continued going
around to all the towns
and villages, teaching in
their synagogues,
preaching the good
news of the

kingdom, and healing every disease and every
sickness.

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for today. I am so blessed to sit at Your feet knowing You are fully attentive to my needs and the needs of my child. Being a pastor's wife has its challenges. Factoring in Replanting our church, caring for my family, and a child with health concerns can be quite overwhelming. God, I know without a doubt You can heal every sickness and disease. Nothing is too hard for You. Lord, I ask that You heal my child for Your glory. Increase our faith as we are on this journey. Give the doctors wisdom as we continue to keep our eyes focused on You.

In Jesus name, Amen



College Bound

Joshua 1:9

Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God

is with you wherever you go.

Lord,

Be with my child as he prepares for college. I've done my best to train him up in the way he should go so he won't depart from You. Go with him on campus.

Remind him You will never leave nor forsake him. Let him recall scripture verses, praise and worship songs, testimonies of your faithfulness, and words of wisdom taught over the years. Comfort him when he feels alone or overwhelmed, and when making decisions let him seek You first. Give him faith to hold to his christian values and beliefs. Let him develop friendships with other like-minded students or athletes that love You. Allow him to complete the task You have given him in this season.

In Jesus name, Amen



Becoming Adults

Ephesians 5:31

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.

Jesus,

I praise You for the opportunity to see my children become adults. As they leave to be joined to their spouse, be the foundation of their union. Bless their household to declare: As for me and my house we will serve the Lord. I pray for a strong, healthy, thriving marriage. What You put together, let no man separate. My desire as they start their family is for them to be fruitful and multiply. Lord, Your love never runs out but blesses through generations. I pray as parents our love never fails them. As You love unconditionally, I want to love my child and their spouse the same. Allow us to love without crossing any boundaries. May Your name be praised.

Amen



Career Driven

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they
will be filled.

Jesus,

I come to You on behalf of my daughter who seems to have lost her way due to being so focused on her career. Lead her back to You. The world does not love her, nor did it give its life for her, but You loved her so much that You gave Your only begotten son that whosoever believes in You should not perish but have everlasting life. Give her a hunger to seek after You, the one and only true living God. Let her seek after righteousness to make an eternal impact on the Kingdom instead of temporary satisfaction in the world. Jesus, You are enough. Only You can fill the void she is chasing. Let her be satisfied with You to give her the desires of her heart.

In Your matchless name I pray, Amen



Being A Pastor's Kid

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone
despise your youth, but
set an example for the
believers in speech, in

conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

Dear Lord,

Being a pastor's kid can be a challenging journey.

People place unrealistic expectations on them where they feel obligated to always be perfect, obedient, thoughtful, well-mannered and knowledgeable of biblical stories and verses. Remind them that no one is perfect but You. You are a loving and forgiving God even when mistakes are made. Give me the wisdom to guide them and give them the attention and encouragement they need. Cast out animosity toward You or the church where they question their faith. Draw them closer to You and let them see the blessing of being the child of a Replant pastor, having a strong foundation, and belonging to a family that Adores You. May Your grace continually be upon them.

In Jesus name, Amen



Strength and Encouragement

Psalm 23:4

Even when I go through
the darkest valley, I fear
no danger, for you are
with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort
me.

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank You for calling our family into Replant ministry
in Your church. The pressure of this calling can weigh
heavy on our children. Grant them Your strength. Help
them not to feel forgotten or pressured to be perfect but
to rest in Your love and grace. Remind them that You
see them right where they are. You know their heart,
and You care deeply about them. Help them to see that
the challenges You allow are to strengthen them and
not to harm them. Be their friend when they are lonely.
Be their peace when they are troubled. Fill their hearts
with joy that comes from being in Your will and seeing
Your hand move in power. Help me love my children
and support them as they follow You. Teach me to pray
for them, trusting You in all things.
In Jesus' name, Amen



Protection from Pressure

Philippians 4:6-7

Don't worry about anything, but in

everything, through

prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Lord Jesus,

Help my children find their identity not in expectations but in being Your child. When others pressure them to act a certain way, whether good or bad, help them to recognize this pressure as a false idol. Please guard their hearts against comparison and expectation. Help them to follow You in love, not because people expect them to. Help them to reject fear as a tool of the enemy. Show them how to rest in the knowledge that You love them just as they are. Remind them that their worth is found in You, not in the opinions of others. Give them joy and freedom in faith. Help us as parents to encourage them in a healthy way. Thank You for seeing their hearts and leading them in Your truth.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Wisdom in Friendships

Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.

Dear Lord,

Being a pastor's child can make friendships challenging. Please guide my children in choosing the right friends, those who will encourage them in their faith and love them for who they truly are. Show my child how to be a good friend as well, demonstrating kindness, love, patience, and encouraging their friends to grow in You. Prune away friendships that would lead them away from You. When they feel lonely or misunderstood, remind them that You are always directly with them, always involved in their life, and that they can trust You with the deepest concerns of their hearts, as well as simply their daily considerations. Thank You for my children. Help me treat them as Your gift and to recognize Your purpose for me is to point them to You. Be their greatest friend.

In Christ, Amen



Heart of Service

1 Thessalonians 5:18
Give thanks in
everything; for this is
God's will for you in
Christ Jesus.

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for granting my children the opportunity to
grow up in a home that serves You in church
Revitalization. Help them to develop a sense of what
You want them to do. Help them to walk calmly away
from unrealistic expectations of those that do not fulfill
Your path for them. Teach them, while still young, the
difference between serving good and serving God.
Please grow in them a heart that truly desires to help,
love, and give joyfully. Reveal the unique ways You
have designed and gifted them to serve. Make it clear
that You desire their hearts, not just their activity. Fill
their hearts with thanksgiving that pours out to others as
a testimony of Your faithfulness. When they feel tired
or overwhelmed, remind me to tell them that You are
their strength. Help me to see and appreciate their
efforts. Grant them peace. Thank You for using us for
Your glory.
In Jesus' name, Amen



Keep them from Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity.

But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide a way out so that you may be able to bear it.

Dear Lord,

Protect our children from temptations that pull them away from You. Help them recognize temptations as lures and the lies that they hold. Show them to count the cost before they take a slippery step. Keep their hearts focused on what is right, and grant wisdom to make godly choices. Help them to stand firm when faith-testing situations arise. When they do fail, remind them that Your grace is greater than our mistakes. Teach them to turn to You in every situation and to trust that Your ways are best. Give me holy wisdom, love, and patience so I can always point them to You. Thank You for forgiving us and leading us back to Your truth.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Family Harmony

Ephesians 4:32

And be kind and
compassionate to one
another, forgiving one
another, just as God
also forgave you in
Christ.

Father God,
Thank You for the gift of my family. Remind us as
parents that our first responsibility is nurturing our
children to love You. Our example speaks more loudly
than any message we could give. Help us to remain
close despite the busyness of life. Help us to have fun
together, to pray together, and to always support one
another. When our child feels neglected or frustrated,
help them to express their feelings in a loving way.
Keep our family strong against any division or stress
that ministry might bring. Remind us that we are a team
and that our love for each other is a reflection and
testimony of Your love. Thank You for placing us in
this family, and help us to always keep You at the
center of our home.
In Jesus' name, Amen



Trusting God's Plan

Romans 8:28

We know that all things
work together for the
good of those who love
God, who are called

according to his purpose.

Dear Lord,

We lift up our child's future to You. Only You know what is coming and how we should follow Your plan for life. Help them to use their shield of faith to stay within Your protection and not just to follow what others expect. Please guide their choices and reveal Your purpose for them. Help them not to feel pressured but to trust that You will lead. If they are called into ministry, let it be because they love You, not because they feel obligated, pressured or are just following in our footsteps. If You lead them somewhere else, give them the courage to follow. Please help us as parents to trust Your plan for our child as well. Thank You for walking beside our child and writing their story. I trust You, Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Dealing with Criticism

Ephesians 4:29

No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up

someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear.

Jesus my Shield and my Fortress,
When people criticize my child unfairly, remind us that You too were unfairly criticized. Remind us that our identity (mine as a parent and theirs as Your creation, made in Your image) is anchored in You. You are our validator, our guide, our hope and our peace. Protect our hearts from the hurtful words of others and help us focus on what You say is true. Help me to respond in kindness but also in unabashed truth. Help me to know when to defend my child and when to let You do the defending. If there is any truth in the criticism, help my child accept this truth as motivation for positive action and to prune away the negative as dead weight on the soul. Let my child's confidence be grounded in Your love.

In Jesus' name, Amen



God's Peace in Hard Times

Nehemiah 8:10b

**Do not grieve, because
the joy of the Lord is
your strength.**

Abba Father,
You are the lifter of our souls. You are our Comforter.
Life is not always easy, and sometimes, being in a
ministry family places us in a hard path. There are
moments when stress and discouragement flood in like
a mudslide. Remind my child that You are our peace.
Help them to call out to You, and to ask You to
encompass them with Your presence. Please fill their
hearts with Your peace when anxiety threatens, when
things are uncertain, or when people pressure them to
conform in a way that pushes them out of Your plan.
Remind them that You are in control, even when we do
not understand what is happening. Give them peace
when our family faces challenges and when worries
overwhelm. Let their heart rest in the truth that You are
always with them, and You will never leave them.
Thank You for being my Refuge in every storm.
In Jesus' name, Amen



Priceless

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not

your own, for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.

Father God,

I thank You for Your unending kindness toward my children through not only the Replanting process but through each day of their lives. You have lavished them in Your love, mercy and grace. I ask You now Lord to please help them to see that they are priceless to You. You have made them into a holy temple by the presence of the Holy Spirit in them. May they understand little by little that they are not their own but You bought and paid for them at an incredible price. I ask You to compel them to be courageously obedient, glorifying You with their bodies.

In the powerful name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord I pray, Amen



Bring Them Back

Daniel 9:18-19

Listen closely, my God,
and hear. Open your
eyes and see our
desolations and the city

that bears your name. For we are not presenting our petitions before you based on our righteous acts, but based on your abundant compassion. Lord, hear! Lord, forgive! Lord, listen and act! My God, for your own sake, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your name.

Holy One of Israel, Almighty God,
I come before You on behalf of my child that has turned from You. I confess my own sins and tremble at the mistakes we have made with our children and Your church. In trying to Revitalize Your church we have somehow lost track of our child and they need You. Please Lord, hear my petitions for my child. Please have mercy on them as they have once professed to be Yours. Please Father hear, listen and act for the honor of Your name.

In the powerful name of Jesus Christ, Amen



Loving Father

John 16:26-27

On that day you will ask in my name, and I am not telling you that I will ask the Father on your behalf. For the

Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

Father God,

Thank You for Your promises. Thank You for always being trustworthy and true. Thank You for loving us so completely. I lift up my children and the children in Your church today. I ask Father that You would help them to see how very much You love them. If they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, may they understand that they too have access to You because they believe. I pray their hearts will be tender to Your promptings and they will hear You speak to them personally. Thank You for loving them more than I as a flawed parent ever could. Thank You for hearing me. I love You and need You so.

I ask this in Jesus' precious name, Amen.



Keeping His Word

Psalms 119:9-12

How can a young man
keep his way pure? By
keeping your word. I
have sought you with

all my heart; don't let me wander from your
commands. I have treasured your word in my
heart so that I may not sin against you. Lord,
may you be blessed; teach me your statutes.

Father,

Thank You for Your Word. Thank You that we can run
to it for hope and instruction. I pray that my children
may keep their lives pure by living according to Your
Word. As they have given their lives to You, please
help them not to wander away from Your commands.
As we teach and lead this Revitalization, may we never
neglect our first priority of helping our children learn
and lean on Your Word. May they truly hide it in their
hearts, as the valuable treasure it is, so that it keeps
them from sinning against You. Lord, may You be
blessed as they seek out and learn Your commands.
Praise Your holy name!

Amen



Victory in Battle

2 Chronicles 20:17

You do not have to
fight this battle.

Position yourselves,
stand still, and see the
salvation of the Lord.

He is with you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be
afraid or discouraged. Tomorrow, go out to face
them, for the Lord is with you.

Our mighty, immovable God,
I thank You for Your sovereignty. Thank You that there
is no battle You do not see. I lift up my children as they
face the battles in their world today. I pray they will
have the courage of Jehoshaphat to pray and cry out to
You first, then listen for Your instructions. May they be
amazed at the move of Your mighty hand in the battle
that they need not fight but be ready to gather the
blessings. Sometimes in a Replant or Revitalization
effort it is a battle, especially for our children, and in
ways only You can know. May my children claim Your
victory with worship and praise.
In Your holy name I ask it, Amen



Home

Proverbs 3:33

The Lord's curse is on
the household of the
wicked, but he blesses
the home of the
righteous;

God,

I pray that You would give a sense of security and comfort in our home. I pray that You would allow our home to be a place away from the congregation and away from judgmental eyes. I pray that You would bring safety and stability to our home even through whatever chaos is happening outside. I pray that You would unite and grow our family ever closer.

I pray and ask this in the holy name of Jesus, Amen
(Noah, adult child)



Understanding God's Will

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed
to this age, but be
transformed by the
renewing of your

mind, so that you may discern what is the good,
pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Dear Lord,

I pray my children will grow surrounded by the Holy
Spirit and will learn to understand God's mighty power.

I pray they never grow to resent it or turn away from
the faith because of how the world might label them.

Each day that they grow, I pray they grow closer to
You, their Creator and make the faith their own. Thank
You Lord.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen

(Joy, adult child)



Loving the Gospel

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed
of the gospel, because it
is the power of God for
salvation to everyone

who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the
Greek.

Lord,

We thank You for the opportunity to grow up hearing
of Your goodness and faithfulness. Let the truth of the
Gospel be so deeply rooted in our hearts that no amount
of church politics or unrealistic expectations sour the
taste of salvation. We ask for strength to cling to You
through the highs and lows of ministry. May your name
be made great!

Amen

(Haley, adult child)



Walk by Faith

2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith,
not by sight.

Dear Lord,

I pray that the children of ministry families would feel the importance of seeing Your beauty and Your majesty for themselves. Let these children walk with You because You have called them, not because of their parent's calling. Similarly I pray that these children of ministry families would live according to Your purpose, not because of what they see their parents do, but because of the magnificent work You have already done in their hearts.

Amen

(Nathan, adult child)



New Year's Day

Lamentations 3:22-23
Because of the LORD's
faithful love we do not
perish, for his mercies
never end. They are
new every morning;

great is your faithfulness!

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the beginning of a new year. I pray that
in this season of "starting over" my kids would look to
You for guidance. As Your mercies are new every
morning, they are also new every year. I pray that as
my kids seek to begin new things that their focus would
be on You. I pray that You would renew their
excitement for our time together as a family in our
Replant and that they would feel a calling to serve You
during this time. Thank You for Your faithful love. I
pray that our kids would witness Your faithfulness in
how we love them and in how we lead our church.
In Jesus' name, Amen



Easter

Matthew 28:5-6a
The angel told the women, Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not

here. For he has risen, just as he said.

Dear Lord Jesus,

As we celebrate You, our risen Savior, I pray that my kids will draw near to You. I pray that this would be a time of celebration where they remember Your sacrifice, and the great love You have for each of us. I pray especially that they would feel and know that no matter what choices they make, they can always turn back to You, knowing that You will always be there for them. We know that You keep your promises and we thank You for Your loving kindness.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Independence Day

2 Corinthians 3:17
Now the Lord is the
Spirit, and where the
Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

Dear Heavenly Father,
On this day, as a family we celebrate the freedom we
enjoy by living in this country. I pray that even more
than that my kids would appreciate and celebrate the
freedom they have in Christ. As heirs of the King, may
they always freely share what that means with their
friends and family. May they revel in the joy of making
their own choices in life, and as they do, may they
honor You in all they say and do. I pray that the Spirit
would guide and direct them as they seek to live in the
freedom You have given them through Your son.
In Jesus' name, Amen



Thanksgiving

Psalm 69:30

I will praise God's
name with song and
exalt him with
thanksgiving.

Dear Lord,

I praise You for Your goodness and mercy. How marvelous that they endure forever! I praise You for Your everlasting love and faithfulness to Your children. I pray in this season of thankfulness that my children would see You for who You are. That they would praise You and thank You for all that You have created them to be. I pray that they would bring glory to Your name with all they say and do - that they would bring honor to You with their lives. I praise Your name for who You are! I love You Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen



Christmas

Luke 2:11

Today in the city of
David a Savior was born
for you, who is the
Messiah, the Lord.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I'm so very thankful for the gift of Your son. He is the most wonderful gift! I know what a sweet gift each of my children are to me and I thank You for them. I pray that as they grow they will realize the fullness of joy they can receive as they seek him and truly know him. I pray that they would understand the gift You gave of Your beloved son was specifically for them. Your love was so great for each of us and You knew the only way for us to fully know and be with You was for You to give the ultimate gift. You are the Messiah - our Savior! We love You!

In Jesus' name, Amen



Birthday

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that
neither death nor life,
nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor
things to come, nor

powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other
created thing will be able to separate us from
the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Dear Lord,

I come to You now with my heart full of love and awe
as I think about how You formed each of my children
in my own body. You had a plan for each of them from
the very beginning of time. I thank You that they are
fearfully and wonderfully made. I pray that they would
know the full depth of Your love. I praise You that
nothing at all can ever separate them from that love. I
pray that as they grow, they will endeavor to know You
more and to love You more. Each year as they celebrate
another year of life, I pray that they would share that
same love with those around them. Open their hearts to
You Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen

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