

# Praying for the Next Generation

## Monthly Prayers for Our Children

What does God want for your children? For the children of our church? The only way to know that is to look at the Scriptures and see what it declares. The following monthly prayers are all based on the clear statements of the Bible. Those statements have been turned into prayers (which you see below) for our children. Parents, teachers and others are encouraged to at least pray these monthly prayers every day during the month. Those with extra time will be blessed by reading through the listed Scriptures (1-3 of them per week) and turning them into your own prayers for the next generation. May God answer our prayers and raise up a generation that truly knows our Lord.

**September:** Pray that they will know Christ as Savior early in life and treasure their inheritance as Sons of God; that they will not accept Satan's designs against them but walk in the light as heirs of the kingdom. **Based on: John 1:12-13, Psalm 63:1-4, Hebrews 3:14-15, 1 Peter 2:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, Galatians 5:1.**

**October:** Pray that they would have a hatred for sin and a love for godliness. **Based on: Romans 12:9, Psalm 119:129-136, Ephesians 5:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:15, Philippians 4:8, 1 Peter 5:8-9, 3 John 11, Psalm 84:10, James 4:4-7, Matthew 10:28.**

**November:** Pray that they will appreciate discipline and instruction, and be quick to repent; that they will be caught when guilty. **Based on: Proverbs 6:20-23, Hebrews 12:5-11, Psalm 32:8-9, Psalm 51:1-12.**

**December:** Pray that they will be protected from the evil one in each area of their lives: spiritual, emotional, and physical. Pray that they stand firm in persecution. Pray that they will be patient in affliction and look to God, trusting in His faithfulness, when they have problems. **Based on: John 17:15, Romans 12:21, 2 Corinthians 4:17-18, Psalm 121.**

**January:** Pray that they will have a responsible and loving attitude in their relationships with others. Pray that they will walk in humility and look to the needs of others. **Based on: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Romans 12:9-21, Romans 14:13, Romans 15:1-2, Galatians 6:1-2, Hebrews 12:14-15, Ephesians 4:29-31, Philippians 2:3-4, Colossians 3:12-16, Colossians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15, Luke 6:27-28.**



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**February:** Pray that they will respect God's Lordship over them, and those He has placed in authority over them.

**Based on: 1 Peter 2:13-17, Romans 13:1-5, Psalm 40:8, 1 Peter 5:6, Ephesians 6:1-3.**



**March:** Pray that they will choose godly influences; that they will desire the right kind of friends and be protected from the wrong ones; that they will be "hedged in" so they cannot find their way to wrong people or places and that the wrong people cannot find their way to them; that they will be kept from the wrong mate and saved for the right one. **Based on: Psalm 1:1-3, Philippians 4:8, Proverbs 1:10-15, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Hosea 2:6, Proverbs 31:10-31.**

**April:** Pray that they would desire inner beauty and godly character, and that they would grow more Christ-like daily; that they as well as those they marry, will be kept pure both before and after marriage. **Based on: Ephesians 5:1-11, Psalm 119:9, 1 Timothy 2:9-10, 1 Peter 3:3-4, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Hebrews 13:4.**

**May:** Pray that they will learn to totally submit to God and actively resist Satan in all circumstances. **Based on: Ephesians 6:10-17, Proverbs 3:5-7, Proverbs 4:20-27, 1 Peter 5:6-10, Psalm 143:10.**

**June:** Pray that they will be single-hearted, willing to be sold out to Jesus Christ and joyfully invested in the cause of the kingdom. **Based on: Romans 12:1-2, Psalm 119:10-11, 1 Corinthians 15:58, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Colossians 3:16-17, Colossians 3:23, Galatians 6:9-10, Philippians 2:14-16, Hebrews 12:1-2.**

**July:** Pray that they would grow in faith and obedience, and in love for God; that they would "love not the world, nor the things of the world." **Based on: Ephesians 3:14-19, 1 John 2:15-17, Colossians 3:1-2, Matthew 6:19-21, Deuteronomy 10:12-13.**

**August:** Pray that they would treasure God's Word and stand up for truth; that they would be free from deception and the lies of the evil one, and have great understanding of the Word. **Based on: Psalm 119:33-37, Proverbs 2:1-5, Psalm 119:4-20, James 1:5-8.**

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