

As leaders, we have the incredible privilege to pray for the children in our care. Scripture calls us to pray ceaselessly (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and boldly (Hebrews 4:16). But how do we pray? These prayer cards are designed to help guide your prayers over the children you care for.

Each card has a prayer and corresponding Scripture verses. Pray these Scripture verses over the children in your care, meditate on these verses, and use them in your everyday life. You will quickly find these verses becoming comforting and familiar.

THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THIS CHILD

Dear God, thank You for bringing this child to our church.

I know ______ is a masterpiece that You created for a very special purpose. I know it is Your will that this child will come to know You; may that relationship begin while he/she is still young. "I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted we what I asked of Him." 1 Samuel 1:27

DISCOVERS LAND

THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THIS CHILD

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:8-10

"...and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15

MAY THIS CHILD BELIEVE IN YOU ALONE, LORD

Dear God, I pray that _____ believes in You at a very young age and trusts You as his/her Savior. I pray that those around ______ - his/her family, friends, and community - will know You as their Lord and Savior. May this child's parents model what it looks like to love and follow You.

PLEASE BLESS AND KEEP THIS CHILD

God, I ask You to bless ______. May this child always know the goodness that comes from You. May this child walk in Your ways and know Your love.

MAY THIS CHILD BELIEVE IN YOU ALONE, LORD

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your household." Acts 16:31

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

PLEASE BLESS AND KEEP THIS CHILD

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

EQUIP THIS CHILD WITH STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Lord, would You equip _____ with Your strength and courage throughout his/her life? I ask that fear will never have power over _____, but that _____ will peacefully rest in Your strength.

MAY THIS CHILD BE FILLED WITH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT!

Dear God, I pray that _____ will trust You as his/her Lord and Savior at a young age. Once You save us, You promise to fill us with Your Holy Spirit. May _____ live a Spirit-filled life, overflowing with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

EQUIP THIS CHILD WITH STRENGTH AND COURAGE

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

"The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

MAY THIS CHILD BE FILLED WITH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT!

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

SURROUND THIS CHILD WITH FRIENDS WHO LOVE JESUS

Lord, I ask that You will bring godly friends into this child's life. May these be friends that love and obey Jesus and encourage ______ to love Jesus well, too!

GIVE THIS CHILD GOOD HEALTH

Dear God, I ask that as _____ grows, he/she will have good health. Give ______ a healthy body that can serve and follow you, and strengthen his/her spirit to live life in a way that honors You.

SURROUND THIS CHILD WITH FRIENDS WHO LOVE JESUS

"He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm." Proverbs 13:20



GIVE THIS CHILD GOOD HEALTH

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." 3 John 2

MAY THIS CHILD HAVE A HUMBLE HEART

I ask that ______ will be humble, and that he/she will see others through Your eyes rather than through a human's viewpoint. Let _____ grow to love others humbly and faithfully, like You do, God.

MAY THIS CHILD BE FILLED WITH CONTENTMENT

I pray that ______ will be content in You, God. May the things of this world look dim compared to Your greatness. May ______ be confident and content in his/her salvation because we know that You promise to never leave or forsake us.

MAY THIS CHILD HAVE A HUMBLE HEART

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." Ephesians 4:2

MAY THIS CHILD BE FILLED WITH CONTENTMENT

"Keep your lives free from love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:12-13

LORD, TEACH THIS CHILD TO BE AN ENCOURAGER

May _____'s words be filled with grace, encouragement, and joy. Lord, would You use to strengthen and encourage the people around him/her? Let _____ be a shining light, bringing Your Light into a dark world that needs to know You.

EQUIP THIS CHILD WITH PERSEVERANCE TO SAY "NO" TO SIN

Lord, I ask that _____ will cling to what is good and from You. May _____ always fix his/her eyes on Jesus. Strengthen _____ to boldly say "no" to sin, so he/she can honor You each day.

LORD, TEACH THIS CHILD TO BE AN ENCOURAGER

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

"...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

EQUIP THIS CHILD WITH PERSEVERANCE TO SAY "NO" TO SIN

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." Hebrews 12:1-2a

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things." Philippians 4:8

GIVE THIS CHILD A SERVANT'S HEART

I pray that ______ will have a servant's heart. I praise You for the talents and gifts You have already given this child. May ______ have a desire to use these gifts to serve and bring glory to You.

GIVE THIS CHILD AN OBEDIENT HEART, LORD

Dear Lord, I ask that _____ will obey and honor his/her parents. Let this child's home be Godhonoring and filled with love. May this child's parents reflect You in how they speak and live, and may they teach this child to love and serve You.

GIVE THIS CHILD A SERVANT'S HEART

"But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men..." Colossians 3:23

GIVE THIS CHILD AN OBEDIENT HEART, LORD

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'--which is the first commandment with a promise- 'that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3

"My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you." Proverbs 6:20-22

LORD, FILL THIS CHILD WITH YOUR PERFECT PEACE

Lord, we know that only You can fill us with Your perfect peace that transcends all understanding. We ask that Your peace will be present in this child's life. May _____ rest in You and look to You for comfort, meaning, and life.

LORD, BE A PLACE OF REFUGE AND PROTECTION FOR THIS CHILD

Dear God, I ask that ______ will come to know You at a very early age, and that he/she will find comfort and safety in You. Please protect this child from anything that could harm him/her as he/she grows. Surround ______ with people who love him/her and who care for him/her well. During hard times in life, I ask that You comfort and protect ______, and that You remind him/her of Your promises.

LORD, FILL THIS CHILD WITH YOUR PERFECT PEACE

"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." Isaiah 26:3

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

LORD, BE A PLACE OF REFUGE AND PROTECTION FOR THIS CHILD

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'" Psalm 91:1-2

"He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." Psalm 91:4