

# 5 THINGS TO PRAY

FOR YOUR  
YOUNG  
CHILD



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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# A PRAYER

*Father,*

*Thank You for the children You have entrusted to us. They are Yours.*

*Oh God, gather Your children to You. Draw their hearts to You so they will know the perfect love of their Savior and believe.*

*Remove every obstacle standing in the way of their surrender to You as Lord of their life.*

*Amen.*

## **1** DRAW MY CHILD'S HEART TO YOU.

Lead my child to salvation through Jesus Christ!

- Help my child believe in You, know You as their Father and enable them to feel Your love for them. Help them to believe they are a child of God!
- Convict my child of their sinfulness. Help them to see they have sinned against You but can find forgiveness through Jesus. Help them to feel their great need for You.
- Empower them to see that their righteousness and hope is found in You alone. Help them to understand that they are saved by Your beautiful grace, through faith, and not by their works. Holy Spirit, teach them to depend on You.

Open my child's eyes to see You, their ears to hear You, and their hearts to know You.

- Use every circumstance (both good and bad) in my child's life to reveal the depths of Your love, grace, and mercy. Draw their hearts to You, God. Allow them to encounter You in tangible ways.
- Sharpen my spiritual senses and remind me to speak of You often. Help me to see teachable moments and guide my child to You.
- Render powerless anything in their life that would keep them from believing in You.

# GO DEEPER

1John 1:12

Acts 17:16-28

Luke 15:4-7

Romans 10:9-10

Matthew 18

Ephesians 2:1-10

Acts 2:39

Acts 4:12

John 3:16

Luke 2:30

# A PRAYER

*Father,*

*We thank You that You never change. You are always good and abounding in love and grace.*

*Anchor my child in Your promises and Truth, so that when this world battles for their spirit, they will not be shaken.*

*Give my child a faith that takes root in their hearts and grows with them by Your grace.*

*Amen.*

## 2 GROW MY CHILD'S FAITH.

Grow a desire in my child to read and believe the Word of God.

- Help my child to believe the Bible as complete Truth and build their core values from Your Word. Teach them to trust and hope in Your promises.
- Holy Spirit, enable my child to deeply understand and personally apply the Word of God, even from a young age.

Grow a desire in my child for intimate relationship with You.

- Give them a growing desire for more of You. Help them to recognize Your power at work in them and remind them of Your constant presence and faithfulness. Empower them to love as You love.
- Create in them a desire to obey You and the authority You have placed over them. Help them to want to please You more than pleasing others.
- Holy Spirit, show my child what keeps them from closeness with You. Convict my child of their sinful attitudes and actions. Teach them to humble themselves and repent. Give them joy in Your never-ending forgiveness.

Teach them to pray and worship You.

- Help my child to experience the victory of prayer. Give them faith to believe You hear their prayers and lead them to bring their concerns to You. Teach them to pray about everything.
- Give my child a desire to worship You. Reward their worship with Your revealed holiness.

# GO DEEPER

I Peter 2:1-3

Luke 17:5-6

Psalms 119:18

Romans 10:17

Romans 12:1

Psalms 40:8

Proverbs 20:11-12

2 Cor. 10:5

# A PRAYER

*Mighty God,*

*You alone can protect my child. You are more powerful than any plan of the enemy! Only You can keep our children in perfect peace.*

*Defend my precious one with Your mighty shield and help them find shelter in Your wings.*

*Loosen my grip when I hold them too tight and help me to trust You because You love them best.*

*Amen.*

## 3 PROTECT MY CHILD.

Guard their heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

- Guide my child to recognize the lies of the enemy and reject them! Empower them to remember and believe Your Truth.
- Teach my child to use the armor of God and stand strong against the enemy.

Defend Your child.

- Ride the heavens to their help (Duet. 33:26) and command Your angels to guard them in all their ways (Psalm 91:11).
- Protect my child from harm and grant them long lives to bring glory to You.
- Protect their school campus and transportation. Thwart the plans of the enemy and deliver my child from evil.

Redeem their pain for Your glory.

- Use each painful circumstance to draw my child to You. Turn what the enemy means for harm into Your glory. Help our children cling to Your power in their weakness.
- God, You are our Healer. Heal my child's physical and emotional brokenness.

## GO DEEPER

Hebrews 11:1

Nehemiah 4:14

Ephesians 6

Isaiah 51:14-17

Psalms 138:7

Isaiah 26:3-9

Romans 12:21

Psalms 139:1-18

Colossians 2:15

Psalms 12

# A PRAYER

God,

*Oh how I fall short of Your ways! In Your mercy, lead me from the sins I clutch onto and help me surrender them to You.*

*Give me Your perfect wisdom in raising my child.*

*Lead me by Your Spirit so that Your love would overflow from me in a way that would draw my child to You.*

*Amen.*

## 4 GUIDE ME IN PARENTING.

Convict me of sin, blind spots and any ways I might harm those entrusted to me.

- Expose my sinful patterns and give me a heart of repentance. Help me desire intimacy with You and remove anything that stands in my way.
- Oh God, redeem my failures! Turn every parenting mistake into a way to expose Your goodness. Use my failures to bring my child closer to You.

Give me Your perfect wisdom to parent my child.

- Your wisdom is perfect. Guard me from depending on the world's values or my reasoning to be my source of strength.

Teach me to surrender to You and live in Your power to parent.

- Help me be crucified with Christ so I no longer live but Christ lives in me. Empower me with Your love and grace to give away. Make me more like You so that my child learns more of who You are by seeing You in me.

Give me more faith to trust You with my child.

- You are sovereign and faithful to complete a good work in them--help me to believe this. Teach me to trust You. Help me to release fears, expectations, and control. Protect me from finding worth in my child's accomplishments.

# GO DEEPER

Isaiah 49:10, 15-16    Proverbs 22:6, 15

Colossians 1:17

Joel 2:25

Deuteronomy 4:6-9    Proverbs 3:1-8

John 15:7

# A PRAYER

*This prayer point is for us  
as parents alongside the  
teachers,  
coaches, and people of  
influence in our child's life.*

## 5 UNIFY US.

God,

You've given all of Your children Your Holy Spirit. Make us one in Your Spirit. Unify us with Your love, compassion and forgiveness to give away.

Empower us to lead wisely those You have entrusted to our care. Convict us of our sin blind spots and any ways we might harm those entrusted to us.

Protect us from the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Protect our school campus, our extracurricular activities, our transportation endeavors and our families.

Amen.

## GO DEEPER

Psalm 133:1

Philippians 2:3

Galatians 5:22-26 Ephesians 6:10-18

Hebrews 12:14

I Cor. 13:5

# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Founded in 1973, Worthington Christian School (WC) is central Ohio's leader in Christian education offering a rigorous, college preparatory kindergarten to 12-grade academic program, dedicated to developing the mind of Christ in students through rigorous intellectual, creative, and physical pursuits.

This guide is based on a prayer plan written by a small group of WC parents.



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