

Exodus 20:12 I thank You Father, that my children honor and obey me, therefore, they please the Lord and will live a long life.

(Also found in Colossians 3:20 and Ephesians 6:2.)

Psalm 112:2 My children are blessed and will be mighty in the land.

Psalm 127:3 My children are a reward and gift from the Lord, and I will enjoy them.

Psalm 138:8 My children will fulfill God's will and purpose for their lives.

Daniel 1:4 My children are children in whom there is no blemish, but they are well favored. They are skillful in wisdom, cunning in knowledge, and understand science. They have the ability to stand in the King's palace and teach others.

Romans 12:2 My children are not being conformed to this world's system, but they are constantly being transformed by the renewing of their mind, that they might know what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God for their lives.

I Corinthians 6:18-19 My children will flee from all sexual immorality and impurity in thought, word or deed, and they will realize that their body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

I Timothy 4:12 My children are examples to others in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.

1. Salvation

Lord, let salvation spring up within my children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

(Isaiah 45:8; II Timothy 2:10)

2. Growth in Grace

I pray that they may "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ".

(2 Peter 3:18)

3. Love

Grant, Lord, that my children may learn to live a life of love through the Spirit who dwells in them.

(Ephesians 5:2, Galatians 5:22)

4. Honesty and Integrity

May integrity and honesty be their virtue and their protection.

(Psalm 25:21)

5. Self-Control

Father, help my children not to be like many others around them, but let them be "alert and self-controlled" in all they do.

(1 Thessalonians 5:6)

6. A Love for God's Word

Father, help my children grow to find Your Word "more precious than gold, than much pure gold; and sweeter than

honey, than honey from the comb".
(Psalm 19:10)

7. Justice

God, help my children to love justice as You do and to "act justly" in all they do.
(Psalm 11:7, Micah 6:8)

8. Mercy

May my children always "be merciful, as their Father is merciful".
(Luke 6:36)

9. Respect (for self, others, authority)

Father, grant that my children may "show proper respect to everyone," as Your Word commands.
(1 Peter 2:17)

10. Strong, Biblical Self-Esteem

Help my children develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are "God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus".
(Ephesians 2:10)

11. Faithfulness

"Let love and faithfulness never leave my children," but bind these twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of their hearts.
(Proverbs 3:3)

12. A Passion for God

Lord, please instill in my children a soul with a craving for You, a heart that clings passionately to You.
(Psalm 63:8)

13. Responsibility

Grant that my children may learn responsibility, "for each one should carry his own load".
(Galatians 6:5)

14. Kindness

Lord, may my children "always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else".
(1 Thessalonians 5:15)

15. Generosity

Grant that my children may "be generous and willing to share and so lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age".
(1 Timothy 6:18-19)

16. Peace, Peaceability

Father, let my children "make every effort to do what leads to peace". (Romans 14:19)

17. Hope

May the God of hope grant that my children may overflow with hope and hopefulness by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13)

18. Perseverance

Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to “run with perseverance the race marked out for them”.

(Hebrews 12:1)

19. Humility

Lord, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward all.

(Titus 3:2)

20. Compassion

Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion.

(Colossians 3:12)

21. Prayerfulness

Grant, Lord, that my children’s lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that they may learn to “pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests”.

(Ephesians 6:18)

22. Contentment

Father, teach my children “the secret of being content in any and every situation...through Him who gives them strength”.

(Philippians 4:12-13)

23. Faith

I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children’s hearts, that by faith they may gain what has been promised to them.

(Luke 17:5-6, Hebrews 11:1-40)

24. A Servant Heart

Lord, please help my children develop servant hearts, that they may “serve wholeheartedly as if they were serving the Lord, not men”.

(Ephesians 6:7)

25. Purity

“Create in them a pure heart, O God,” and let their purity of heart be shown in their actions.

(Psalm 51:10)

26. Willingness & Ability to Work Hard

Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work hard at everything they do, “as working for the Lord, not for men”.

(Colossians 3:23)

27. Self-Discipline

Father, I pray that my children may develop self-discipline, that they may acquire “a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair”.

(Proverbs 1:3)

28. A Heart for Missions

Lord, please help my children to develop a heart for missions, a desire to see Your glory declared among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among all peoples.

(Psalm 96:3)

29. Joy

May my children be filled "with the joy given by the Holy Spirit".

(1 Thessalonians 1:6)

30. Courage

May my children always "be strong and courageous" in their character and in their actions.

(Deuteronomy 31:6)