

Prayers for Your Child/ren

A Prayer to Discern God's Direction

Lord, I pray my child will have eyes to see You and ears to hear You as she navigates big decisions about her major, internships, relationships, and her future. Please bring clarity to her decisions and peace as she makes them. Help her to seek Your will above her own. Help her to know the purpose You have for her. Help her to be patient as You reveal Your perfect will for her and help her to lean not on her own understanding but to trust You to make all her paths straight. Help her discern when others are speaking wisdom from You. Open doors widely and close them loudly as You lead her. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Prayer for Provision

Dear God, I know You [promise to provide every need according to Your riches in Christ Jesus](#). So I ask you to meet the financial needs of my child while he's in college. Provide for his housing, for transportation needs, for his tuition and books. Help my child to honor you with his money, to give cheerfully, and to see Your hand as You meet his needs. Your eye is on the sparrow and You gloriously clothe the lilies of the field and I know You will also care for my child. Help us not to worry but to trust You and Your timing and Your ways. Thank You God, that You already have all provision and will meet every need for the schooling You've called my child to. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Prayer for a Strong Christian Walk

Lord, I pray my child will feel Your strong presence as she ventures out to college. Draw her to You and give her a hunger for Your Word that isn't satisfied anywhere else. Help her find a local church where she can grow, be discipled, and serve and help her dig deep in Bible study. Help her to guard her own personal time for Bible study and prayer when so much else tries to crowd in and keep her from You. As she meets challenges and struggles, help her turn to You. I pray she will stay rooted in You, will flourish as a light for You on campus and will know how wide and long and high and deep Your love is so her soul is filled to the full measure of You.

A Prayer for Doing Hard Things

God, this next year will bring challenges for my child. Perhaps challenges in her faith, her actions, or her studies. Help her to do hard things that glorify You. Help her to stand alone against peer pressure. Help her to stand up for righteousness. Help her to trust Your promises when circumstances are saying different or her [emotions are whispering lies](#). Help her to manage tasks that are outside her skillset or comfort zone. And help her to be an influence for Your kingdom where You plant her this semester. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Prayer to Find Godly Friends

Lord, You tell us that bad company corrupts good character and so I pray You [will bring true friends](#) for my son at college. Help him choose wise friends who will help him grow more like You, who reflect Your heart and will and who glorify You. I pray my child's roommates would also be godly, that deep friendship would take root and that the time spent in their dorm or apartment would be edifying. I pray these friends would be a source of great joy and laughter, and they would spur each other on to do good things and live for You. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Prayer to Resist Temptation

Dear God, my heart is broken over the world that waits to entice my child into all kinds of immorality. At the outset, I ask You to powerfully draw my child to You so that Your voice is louder than any other he hears at college. I ask You to surround him with like-minded friends and peers who would encourage and help him keep wise and healthy boundaries. I pray that he would stay in Your word where he can renew his mind daily from the lies of this world. I ask You to strengthen him, to keep him from yielding to any temptation and to clearly open his eyes to the way of escape when temptation comes. May he seek Your will and Your power in any temptation. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Prayer for Managing Time

Lord, you've given my child enough time to accomplish every one of Your purposes this semester. I pray he will seek You first as each day starts and learn to let You order his steps. Help him/her be a good steward of his/her time and bless the time he/she puts into study and work to make it effective. Help him/her sleep well and not to be stressed or overwhelmed with his/her schedule. Help him/her discern unforeseen interruptions that are from You while keeping him/her from harmful distractions. Give him/her insight into how to use his/her time well. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Prayer for His/Her Future Spouse

Lord, I pray You will bring a godly spouse for my child in Your perfect timing. I pray she will trust You and wait for Your specific will. I pray she'll pursue You and keep from any relationships that would distract her or keep her from following hard after You. I pray even now that her spouse is also drawing close to You and following hard after You. Bring godly men and women into both of their lives to disciple them, give them a vision for marriage and prepare them for marriage and parenthood when that comes. May my child's relationships glorify You. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Prayer for Protection

As I release my child, Father, I pray for her physical protection. Thank You Lord, for hemming her in behind and before and for keeping Your hand on her. Keep her safe at night, as she walks on campus, and as she goes to places that are new and unknown to her. Guard her health and keep her physically strong this semester. I also pray for spiritual protection. I pray

she will stay grounded in Your word, that her faith will guard her mind, that Your righteousness will guard her heart and that she will take every thought captive to Your truth. Thank You for being her strong defender and her refuge. In Jesus' name, amen.