

Precious in HIS Sight with Rhonda Barrett

31 Biblical Virtues to PRAY for Our Children

- 1. Salvation.** "Lord, let Christ Jesus, with eternal salvation spring up within my children, that they receive the salvation that is in glory" (Isaiah 45:8, 2 Timothy 2:10).
- 2. Grow in Grace.** "I pray my children grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).
- 3. Love.** "Lord, may my children learn to live a life of love, through the Spirit living in them" (Galatians 5:25, Ephesians 5:2).
- 4. Honesty and Integrity.** "May integrity and honesty be my children's 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" (I Thessalonians 5:6).
- 6. Love God's Word.** "May my children find Your Word more precious than gold and sweeter than honey" (Psalm 19:10).
- 7. Justice.** "God, help my children to love justice as You do and act justly in all they do" (Psalm 11:7, Micah 6:8).
- 8. Mercy.** "May my children always be merciful, just as their Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36).
- 9. Respect (for self, others, authority).** "Father, grant that my children show proper respect to everyone, as Your Word commands" (1 Peter 2:17).
- 10. Biblical self-esteem.** "Help my children develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the truth that they are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:10).
- 11. Faithfulness.** "Let love and faithfulness never leave my children, may they wear them like a necklace, write love and faithfulness deep within their hearts" (Proverbs 3:3).
- 12. Courage.** "May my children always be strong and courageous in their character and in their actions" (Deuteronomy 31:6).
- 13. Purity.** "Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in their actions" (Psalm 51:10).
- 14. Kindness.** "Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else" (I Thessalonians 6:18-19).
- 15. Generosity.** "Grant that my children 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-loving.** "Father, let my children make every effort to do what leads to peace" (Romans 14:19).

17. Joy. "May my children be filled with the joy given by the Holy Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 1:6).

18. Perseverance (not give up). "Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, help them especially to run with perseverance the race marked out for them" (Hebrews 12:1).

19. Humility. "God, develop in my children gentleness and true humility toward all people" (Titus 3:2).

20. Compassion. "Lord, clothe my children with compassion, may they truly care for people" (Colossians 3:12).

21. Responsible. "God, help my children be responsible; may they learn what they should do and do it" (Galatians 6:5).

22. Contentment. "Father, teach my children the secret of being content in any and every situation, through Jesus 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 they live a life of faith, so they please their Father" (Luke 17:5-6, Hebrews 11:1-40).

24. Servant's Heart. "God, help my children develop the heart of a servant that they serve with their whole heart, as they serve the Lord and not men" (Ephesians 6:7).

25. Hope. "May the God of hope grant that my children overflow with hope by the Holy Spirit's power" (Romans 15:13).

26. Willingness and Ability to Work. "Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work hard and cheerfully, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23).

27. Passion for God. "Lord, give my children a soul that follows You close ('follows hard after You'--KJV), a heart that clings passionately to you" (Psalm 63:8).

28. Self-discipline. "Father, I pray my children be disciplined and do what is right and just and fair" (Proverbs 1:3).

29. Pray. "Grant, Lord, that my children's lives be consistent in prayer, that they learn to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Ephesians 6:18).

30. Thankful. "Help my children live lives that are always overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20, Colossians 2:7).

31. Heart for Missions. "Lord, help my children develop a desire to see Your glory, Your Name, Your marvelous deeds declared among the nations around the world" (Psalm 96:3).

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