

**PRAY *WITH* GOD:
A GUIDE FOR
PARENTS**



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Letter to Parents

Dear Parents,

Teaching your children to pray is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. Prayer is not just a ritual but a relationship—a daily conversation with our loving Heavenly Father.

As you guide your children in prayer, remember that they will learn most from watching you. Your example of faith, honesty, and dependence on God will shape their own relationship with Him. Don't worry about having the perfect words; simply pray with sincerity and encourage your children to do the same.

Your role is vital, and your prayers matter. Keep leading, keep praying, and trust that God is at work in your child's heart.

Partnering with you to raise the next generation for Christ,

Darren Goodrich



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Wow

We begin prayer by expressing our amazement at who God is. He is *mighty, loving, merciful, and beyond our comprehension*. When we say **“Wow!”** in prayer, we recognize God’s greatness and His works in our lives.

Example from Scripture:

- **Psalm 19:1** – *“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”*
- **Isaiah 40:28** – *“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.”*

Encourage your child to pray something like this, **“Wow, God, You made the stars, the mountains, and the oceans! You are amazing!”**

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I’m Sorry

Confession is a vital part of prayer. Teaching our children to say **“I’m sorry”** to God helps them understand the importance of repentance. When we confess our sins, we acknowledge our need for God’s forgiveness and grace.

Example from Scripture:

- **1 John 1:9** – *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*
- **Psalm 51:10** – *“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”*

Encourage your child to pray, **“God, I’m sorry for disobeying, for being unkind, or for not listening. Please forgive me.”**

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Thank You

Gratitude is essential in our relationship with God. Teaching our children to express thankfulness helps them recognize God's goodness in their lives. We **thank** God not just for material blessings but most importantly for Jesus' sacrifice and His love.

Example from Scripture:

- **1 Thessalonians 5:18** – *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*
- **John 3:16** – *“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.”*

Encourage your child to pray, **“Thank You, God, for my family, for my home, for Jesus dying for my sins and rising again!”**

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Help

God wants us to rely on Him daily. Teaching our children to ask for help in following Him builds their faith and trust in His guidance. We can ask for His help in making good choices, loving others, and growing in our faith.

Example from Scripture:

- **Psalms 121:2** – *“My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”*
- **Philippians 4:6** – *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

Encourage your child to pray, **“God, help me to be kind, to listen, to obey You, and to trust You every day.”**

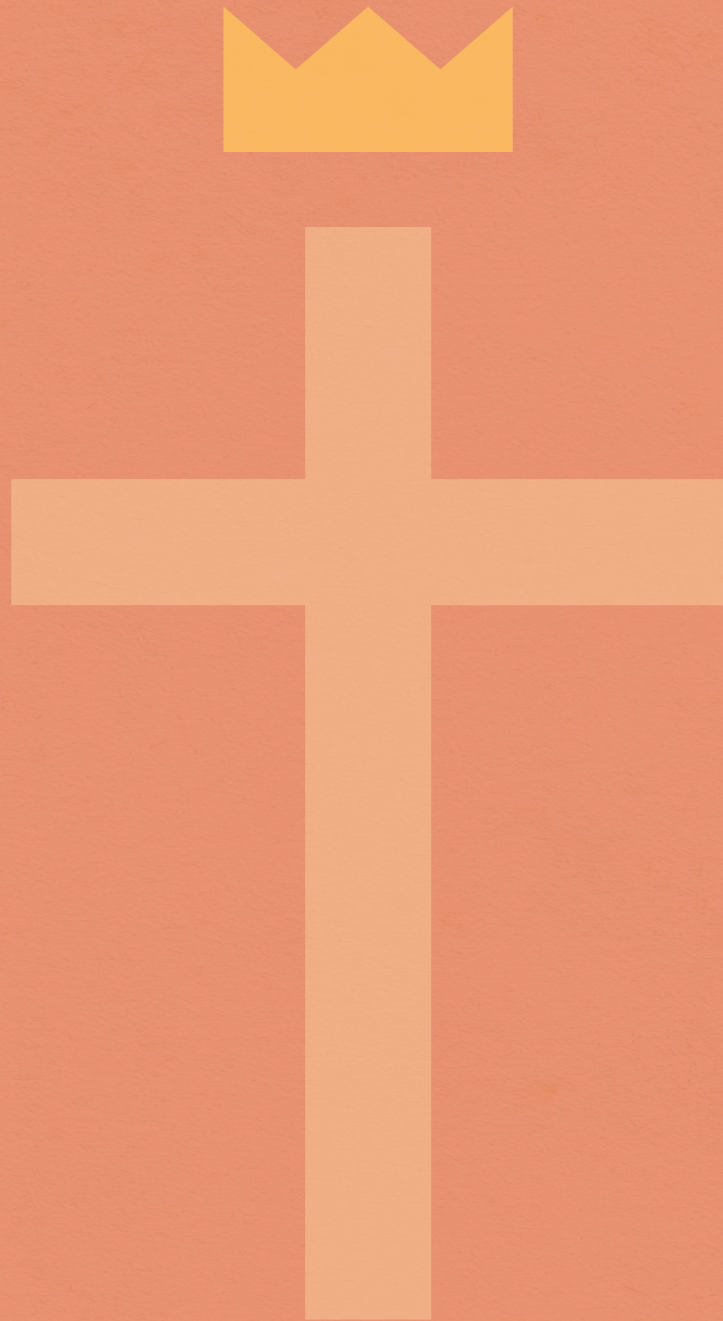
Encouragement for Parents

Teaching our children to **Pray WITH God** in this way helps them build a meaningful and personal relationship with Him.

Prayer doesn't have to be long or complicated—it just needs to be heartfelt. As you model prayer in your home, your children will learn that God is always listening, always loving, and always ready to hear from them.

Keep praying **WITH** your kids, and watch as their faith grows!





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