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### A Prayer for Parents, Grandparents, And Their Children<sup>1</sup>

**Lord Jesus,**

**As parents we come to you as little children ourselves,** with hearts eager to please, needing direction, ready to trust Your leading. **Equip us for the challenge of parenthood,** help us make wise choices each day, and bless the ones You place in our care that they might grow up to be like You.

**Give our children and grandchildren eyes to see You clearly, hearts that love You dearly, arms that reach out to others, and legs that run quickly to do Your will.** Guard them from temptation, and place godly friends in their path to influence them for good. Grant wisdom, a strong conscience and protection from harm. **Keep evil far from them.** Wrap them not in a cocoon, but in a spirit of readiness and obedience, unafraid to stand up for You, even if it means standing alone.

**Let them know that heaven is their real home;** but reveal to them the beauty of all that You have made while they live on this earth. **May they find purpose, meaning, and a joy-filled life in both small and great ways that You provide.** Guard them from wrong motives, lies, and philosophies that may seem right but that will only lead them away from You. Fill them so full of Yourself, that they spill over with the character of Christ at every turn.

**Guide us as parents and grandparents to train them up in the path they should go, teaching them that greatness and success are found in servanthood, kindness, and godly character-not in performance.** Help us to offer them grace in the same way You have poured it into our lives. Let our love for them be unconditional, like Yours, filled with forgiveness, yet with faithfulness and firmness to teach what is right. In every season of their lives and ours, make us steadfast, immovable, and faithful in our prayers for them. **When we-or they-make mistakes,** may we both look to You to correct those errors, to receive Your mercy, and to never give up in this spiritual journey with You.

**May we as parents be slow to anger, quick to hear and eager to accept our children and grandchildren for the precious treasures they are. We know they are only gifts on loan,** so we release them to Your safekeeping, yet never shirking the responsibility You entrusted to us to take good care of them, no matter what.

**Lord, You are our Model, our Guide, our very Hope.** Keep us faithful, and let our prayers be a covering for these precious ones daily. **This day-and throughout their lives-we dedicate our children and grandchildren to You, Lord. AMEN.**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rebeccabarlowjordan.com/a-prayer-for-parents-grandparents-and-their-children>

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

