

24 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Kids by Bob Hostetler (1998)

(adapted by Doug Nichols)

1. **Salvation**- “Lord, let salvation spring up within my children, that he/she may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.” (Isa. 45:8; 2 Tim. 2:10)
2. **Growth in Grace**- “I pray that my children 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 him/her.” (Gal. 5:25; Eph. 5:2)
4. **Honesty and Integrity**- “May integrity and honesty be their virtue and protection.” (Ps. 25:21)
5. **Self-Control**- “Father, help my children not to be like many others around them, but let him/her be alert and self-controlled in all they do.” (1 Thess. 5:6)
6. **Love for God’s Word**- “May my children grow to find Your Word more precious than much pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb.” (Ps. 19:10)
7. **Respect**- “Father, grant that my children may show proper respect to everyone, as Your Word commands.” (1 Pet. 2:17)
8. **Faithfulness**- “Let love and faithfulness never leave my children, but bind these twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of his/her heart.” (Prov.3:3)
9. **Courage**- “May my children always be strong and courageous in his/her character and actions.” (Deut. 31:6)
10. **Purity**- “Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in his/her actions.” (Ps. 51:10)
11. **Kindness**- “Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.” (1Thess. 5:15)
12. **Generosity**- “Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasure for himself/herself as a firm foundation for the coming age.” (1 Tim. 6:18-19)
13. **Perseverance**- “Lord, teach my children perseverance in all he/she does, and help him/her especially to run with perseverance the race marked out for them.” (Heb.12:1)
14. **Humility**- “God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward all.” (Titus 3:2)
15. **Compassion**- “Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion.” (Col.3:12)
16. **Responsibility**- “Grant that my children may learn responsibility, for each one should carry his/her own load.” (Gal. 6:5)
17. **Contentment**- “Father, teach my children the secret of being content in any and every situation, through Him who gives him/her strength.” (Phil. 4:12-13)
18. **Faith**- “I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children’s heart, that by faith he/she may gain what has been promised to them.” (Luke 17:5-6; Heb. 11:1-40)
19. **A Servant’s Heart**- “God, please help my children develop a servant’s heart, that he/she may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men.” (Eph.6:7)
20. **Willingness and Ability to Work**- “Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work at it with all his/her heart, as working for the Lord and not for men.” (Col. 3:23)
21. **Passion for God**- “Lord, please instill in my children a soul that ‘followeth hard after thee,’ one that clings passionately to You.” (Ps. 63:8)
22. **Prayerfulness**- “Grant, Lord, that my children’s lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that he/she may learn to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers.” (1 Thess. 5:17)
23. **Gratitude**- “Help my children to live a life that is always overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Eph. 5:20; Col.2:7)
24. **A Heart for Missions**- “Lord, please help my children to develop a desire to see Your glory declared among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among the people.” (Ps. 96:3)