

## Monthly prayer guide based on *31 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Kids* by Bob Hostetler

1. **Salvation** “Lord, let salvation spring up within my children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.” (Isaiah 45:8, 2 Timothy 2:10)
2. **Growth in grace** “I pray they may ‘grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.’” (2 Peter 3:18)
3. **Love** “Grant that my children may learn to ‘live a life of love,’ through the Spirit who dwells in them.” (Ephesians 5:2, Galatians 5:22)
4. **Honesty and integrity** “May integrity and honesty be their virtue and protection.” (Psalm 25:2)
5. **Self-control** “Father, may my children be filled with the fruit of the Spirit - ‘love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.’” (Galatians 5:22)
6. **A love for God’s Word** “May my children grow to find your Word ‘more precious than gold; [and] sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.’” (Psalm 19:10)
7. **Justice** “God, help my children to love justice as you do and to ‘act justly’ in all they do.” (Psalm 11:7, Micah 6:8)
8. **Mercy** “May my children always ‘be merciful, as [their] Father is merciful.’” (Luke 6:36)
9. **Respect** (for self, others, authority) “Father, grant that my children may ‘show proper respect to everyone,’ as your Word commands.” (1 Peter 2:17a)
10. **Strong, biblical self-esteem** “Help my children develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are ‘God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.’” (Ephesians 2:8-10)
11. **Faithfulness** “‘Let love and faithfulness never leave [my children],’ but bind these twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of their hearts.” (Proverbs 3:3)
12. **Courage** “May my children ‘be strong and courageous’ in their character and actions.” (Deuteronomy 31:6)
13. **Purity** “‘Create in [them] a pure heart, O God,’ and let their 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.’” (1 Thessalonians 5:15)
15. **Generosity** “May 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** “Father, let my children ‘make every effort to do what leads to peace.’” (Romans 14:19)
17. **Joy** “May my children acknowledge that ‘this is the day that the Lord has made; let [them] rejoice and be glad in it.’” (Psalm 118:24)
18. **Perseverance** “Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to ‘run with perseverance the race marked out for [them].’” (Hebrews 12:1)
19. **Humility** “God, please cultivate in my children the ability to ‘show true humility toward all.’” (Titus 3:2)
20. **Compassion** “Clothe my children with the virtue of compassion.” (Colossians 3:12)

21. **Responsibility** “Grant that my children may learn responsibility, ‘for each one should carry his own load.’” (Galatians 6:5)
22. **Contentment** “Father, teach my children ‘the secret of being content in any and every situation... through him who gives [them] strength.’” (Philippians 4:12-13)
23. **Faith** “I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children’s hearts.” (Hebrews 11:1-40)
24. **A servant heart** “God, please help my children develop servant hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, ‘as to the Lord, and not to men.’” (Ephesians 6:7)
25. **Hope** “May the God of hope grant that my children may overflow with hope and hopefulness by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)
26. **The willingness and ability to work hard** “Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work hard at everything they do, ‘as working for the Lord, not for men.’” (Colossians 3:23)
27. **A passion for God** “Lord, please instill in my children a heart that clings passionately to you.” (Psalm 63:8)
28. **Self-discipline** “Father, I pray that my children may develop self-discipline, that they may acquire ‘a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair.’” (Proverbs 1:3)
29. **Prayerfulness** “Grant, Lord, that my children’s lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that they may learn to ‘pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.’” (Ephesians 6:18)
30. **Gratitude** “Help my children to live lives that are always ‘overflowing with thankfulness,’ ‘always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.’” (Colossians 2:7, Ephesians 5:20)
31. **A heart for missions** “Lord, please help my children to develop a heart for missions, a desire to see your glory declared among the nations, your marvelous deeds among all peoples.” (Psalm 96:3)