

 *Prayers*   
*our children*  
*need to be praying* 



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## FOREWORD

In the gospels, we see quite clearly that our Lord Jesus Christ is The Defender and Protector of the marginalized, the oppressed, the outcasts, the helpless.

The fact is we are all helpless, which is why we all need Jesus. Now, if you and I are so loved by Jesus that He willingly came to die for you and me, how much more does His heart beat for children, the truly innocent and helpless in our society?

There is a special place in the heart of Jesus reserved for children.

Do you know that it greatly displeases Jesus when we hinder children from encountering Him?

Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but His disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

[Mark 10:13-16]

This means it would greatly please Jesus when we let our children come to Him to get to know Him as their Saviour, their Friend, their Protector, their Hero.

One way of doing this is to teach our children to talk to Jesus in prayer. So let's do that.

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# PRAYERS


The Prayer of Jabez

The High Priestly Prayer of Blessing

The Good Shepherd

The Divine Protector





The Prayer  
of  
Jabez



And Jabez called on The God of Israel saying,

"oh, that You would bless me indeed,  
and enlarge my territory,  
that Your hand would be with me, and  
that You would keep me from evil,  
that I may not cause pain!"

so God granted him what he requested.

1 Chronicles 4:10



# THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

(A NOTE TO THE ONE TEACHING THIS PRAYER TO A CHILD)

The first nine chapters of the First Book of Chronicles are dedicated to genealogies and ancestral lineages.

But why would the Holy Spirit, The Divine Author of the bible, pause in recording the genealogies of the families of Israel to record a prayer?

I suppose it is a prayer that so pleased Him that He had to write it down for us so we have a record of the kind of prayer God loves to grant.


I imagine the Holy Spirit recounting the ancestral lines and as He got to Jabez, He said, "Wait! People must know that wonderful prayer this man prayed." ,and He proceeded to record the words Jabez cried out to God with.

And just to make sure everyone understands that God loved the prayer, the Holy Spirit wrote down "So God granted Him what he requested."

So, let's take the prayer of Jabez that God granted and personalize it with your child/children.



Heavenly Father,



Bless me and prosper me.  
Make me great and awesome  
just like You.



Thank You that You are always with me.

Thank You that You never leave me  
and will never abandon me.



Keep me safe from harm  
so I will not get hurt



or even cause anyone pain.

I ask these in Jesus' name.

Thank You that You hear me.



Amen.



The  
High Priestly  
Prayer  
of  
Blessing

And The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:  
"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, "This is  
the way you shall bless the children of Israel.

Say to them:

"The Lord bless you and keep you:  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you:  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace."

so they shall put My Name on the children of Israel,  
and I will bless them."

Numbers 6:24-26

# THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER OF BLESSING

(A NOTE TO THE ONE TEACHING THIS PRAYER TO A CHILD)

God's heart has always been about being available to man to bless us with all of Him. Back in the garden, Adam and Eve enjoyed the very presence of The Lord God.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day...  
[Genesis 3:8]

In the presence of The Lord, there is supply, the kind of supply that is exceedingly abundantly above all any of us can imagine or think.

(see Ephesians 3:20)

But when Adam and Eve fell, we all lost the privilege of the nearness of The Lord in our lives. In Adam's disobedience by listening to the serpent and acting on its words, Adam chose to associate himself with the serpent and as a consequence, he associated all of humanity with the serpent.

But God is the same God -- He still seeks to bless humanity. His heart is still about being available to us to bless us so He seeks people who are willing to take on His name upon them so that He can bless them.

God's heart is to put His name on us so He can bless us so He gives us the high priestly blessing of prayer to do just that.

So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.  
[Numbers 6:27]

So, let's take the high priestly prayer of blessing that The Lord instructed Moses and Aaron about and personalize it with your child/children.



Lord Jesus,



Bless me and keep me safe.

Smile upon me



and let Your light shine on me always.

Give me wisdom and favor.

Watch over me always.

Keep me healthy and my needs supplied.


Thank You, Jesus

Amen.













Jesus,  
The  
Good  
Shepherd



The Lord is my Shepherd:  
I will never be found lacking,  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leads me beside the still waters,  
He restores my soul:  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
for His Name's sake.



Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evils:  
for You are with me:  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.



You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies:  
You anoint my head with oils:  
My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall pursue me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of The Lord  
Forever.



Psalm 23

# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

(A NOTE TO THE ONE TEACHING THIS PRAYER TO A CHILD)

Free will is mankind's ability to make our own decisions. This free will is God's idea and His gift to mankind.

Our God will never violate our free will. He will respect whatever we decide or choose what to do. Adam and Eve exercised their free will with poor judgment and listened to the serpent and acted on the serpent's word instead of what God had already spoken to them.

Just as Adam and Eve are able to make their own choices back then, so are we able to do so until now because God never took back the gift of free will He gave mankind.

Today, every single one of us (young and old) are faced with a choice of either choosing to be on our own without a shepherd or letting Jesus be our Good Shepherd. The choice is up to us and if we choose to make Jesus our Good Shepherd, we do so by declaring to Jesus and to ourselves out loud that we are making Him our Good Shepherd.

**Note:** Encouraging your child/children to read Psalm 23 as his/her prayer is the most ideal but if the Psalm is too much for the child/children, you can teach the Psalm-23 inspired prayer instead in the next page.



Lord Jesus,



Be my good Shepherd.  
Give me good rest, good food  
and refreshing waters.


Guide and lead me always.

Be my Protector and keep me away  
from evil and from harm.

Bless me with Your wisdom and favor all  
the days of my life.

Amen.





Jesus,  
The  
Divine  
Protector

He who dwells in the secret place of The Most High  
shall abide under the shadow of The Almighty.

I will say of The Lord, "He is my Refuge and my Fortress;  
my God, in Him I will trust."

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the perilous pestilence.

He shall cover you with His feathers,  
and under His wings you shall take refuge:



His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,  
nor of the arrow that flies by day,  
nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.



A thousand may fall at your side,  
and ten thousand at your right hand;  
but it shall not come near you.

Only with your eyes shall you look,  
and see the reward of the wicked.


Psalm 91:1-8




Because you have made The Lord who is my Refuge,  
even The Most High, your dwelling place,  
no evil shall befall you,  
nor shall any plague come near your dwellings;  
for He shall give His angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways.



In their hands they shall bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,  
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.



"Because he has set his love upon Me,  
therefore I will deliver him:  
I will set him on high, because he has known My Name.  
he shall call upon Me, and I will answer him:  
I will be with him in trouble:  
I will deliver him and honor him.  
With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him My Salvation.



Psalm 91:9-16



# THE DIVINE PROTECTOR

(A NOTE TO THE ONE TEACHING THIS PRAYER TO A CHILD)

Salvation is a gift from our Lord Jesus Christ and the bible teaches that this gift is received when we believe in Jesus and confess Him to be The Son of God who came, took our place on that cross and died the death we all deserved to die, and now, He is alive forever more, victorious and reigning from on high.

that if you confess with your mouth The Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

[Romans 10:9]

Just as salvation is a gift we are to decide to receive, so are other things included in His salvation. Believers in Jesus are called to take His word, pray, declare and decree His word over their lives with their mouth as a way to come into agreement with it.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

[Proverbs 18:21]

In the book of Psalms, we find a concise declaration of the promises of The Lord God about divine protection -- Psalm 91. Everyone is encouraged to declare this psalm over them and their loved ones to come into agreement with The Lord for His promises and provision of divine protection.

**Note:** Encouraging your child/children to read Psalm 91 as his/her prayer is the most ideal but if the Psalm is too much for the child/children, you can teach the Psalm-91 inspired prayer instead in the next page.



Lord Jesus,

I make You my hiding place, my refuge  
and my fortress.

Protect me, preserve me,  
and keep me away from evil and harm.

Cover me with The Holy Spirit  
so that no evil will fall upon me.

I pray this for me and my family  
in Jesus' mighty Name.

Amen.



## CLOSING WORD

Like I said in the beginning, there is a special place in the heart of Jesus reserved for children.

Jesus wants children to get to know Him personally. Jesus wants them to know what a good God He is. Jesus wants them to know what a good God His Father is. Jesus wants them to know what a good God Holy Spirit is.

Jesus does not want our children living their lives scared of God. Jesus does not want our children growing up thinking He is an unapproachable God. Jesus wants children to know God loves them and that they can always count on Him to listen to them whenever they talk to Him.

Let me share the bit of gospel account I shared earlier because it needs to be emphasized.

Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but His disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

[Mark 10:13-16]

People brought children to Jesus but His very own disciples hindered the people from bringing children to Jesus. Jesus did not rebuke the people, yet He rebuked His disciples. Jesus was not displeased with the people who brought their children to Him, yet Jesus was greatly displeased with His very own disciples who hindered the little children from being brought to Him.

Let us not be like His disciples who hindered children from directly talking to Jesus, being with Jesus and getting to know Him and talking to Him personally.

Let us not be the kind of believers in Jesus who make our children pray to other personalities who are not God The Father, The Son Jesus and The Holy Spirit.

Let us not be the kind of believers in Jesus who make children pray to bible characters instead of God The Father, The Son Jesus and The Holy Spirit.

Jesus says, "Come to Me." and His invitation to come to Him directly includes our children.

So let's do that.

*Diva H Ramasola*

## THE GOSPEL

The gospel is the "good news" that God loves us and became man in Jesus Christ. He lived the life we should have lived and died the death we should have died. He took all our sins and curses of the fallen world including diseases and lack in His body, and died in our place.

Three days later, He rose from the dead proving that He is the Son of God. He offers the forgiveness of sin and the gift of righteousness to all who repent and believe in Him.

Are you ready to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior in your life? Say this prayer...

Jesus, I believe that You are the Son of God and Savior of the world. I believe that You died for my sins and rose from the dead.

I believe that through Your sacrifice, I am a new person. Forgive me for my sin and fill me with Your Spirit. Today, I choose to follow You for the rest of my life as Lord of my life. Amen.



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come to Me,  
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