

POCKET PRAYERS

FOR

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POWERFUL
PRAYERS



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Beginning Prayer:
**Raising Dragon Slayers
in an Era of Dragons**

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Dear Lord, I am scared for my children growing up in a world that celebrates sinfulness and bombards them with flawed and deceptive definitions of love, identity, and truth. Please strengthen me as a parent and believer. Grant me wisdom so I may raise my children to think biblically and rationally through every issue they will face. Give me the courage to lovingly speak truth when our world distorts what Your Word says about our bodies, minds, behaviors, and beliefs. Make me wise enough to know when to be silent and brave enough to know when to speak.

Show me how to raise my children to see the image of God in all people, treating them as immortal souls God has designed and created for a purpose. Let the Holy Spirit work through me to demonstrate Your perfect grace and mercy so that my children see what it

looks like to love others well. Open doors for me to share the gospel often in front of my children. I don't want to be a Christian in name only. Help me protect and nurture my children's hearts and minds while inoculating them against culture's lies.

Lastly, Lord, I beg You to work within my children. Create a strong faith in them. Help them to know You personally and have their own faith and convictions. Give me peace knowing that You will carry them through anything if they lean into deep fellowship with You. Even things that can bring physical suffering or destruction are not to be feared when they trust in You.

Help me remember that You appointed them to be born in such a time as this, and that You have prepared good works for them to do (Ephesians 2:10). In an era of dragons, You are raising up dragon slayers. May my children be mighty warriors in and for Your kingdom.

Section 1

SELFLESS PRAYERS FOR SELF





Craving for the Word

Lord Jesus, You *are* the Word of God. When I crave the Word, I crave You. I pray that You would give me an insatiable desire for the Word. I pray that when I am seeking guidance, You would turn my heart toward reading Your eternal truths.

I pray that when I miss my quiet time, You would give me discomfort, like when I'm hungry or thirsty. And when I feel like I can't retain information, please help me to remember Your words. When I'm going about my duties for the day, may Your words be present in my mind.

I pray that as I study, reading Your words would fill me with joy. Please bring others into my path who will study with me.

Oh God, Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105). May every cell in my being crave the knowledge that comes from Your Word.



Eternal Perspective

God, I want to invest in what will last into eternity, but the temporary things of this world keep taking my attention. Please reshape my perspective and help me prioritize what matters most.

I pray for spiritual eyes to see the things that will have eternal weight, no matter how mundane they feel right now. Some battles are mine to fight while others are just distractions. Please give me the wisdom to tell the difference between the things that are my responsibility and the things that are not. Even if they are good, they may not be “mine” to carry. May I be faithful to what You have given me, knowing that the fruits of my obedience will last after I am gone. I praise You that I have more than just this life to live for. Help me to live it well, knowing that faithfulness in even the smallest of callings will echo long into eternity.



Wise Use of Money

Lord, You say so much about money in the Bible because You know how big of a stronghold money issues can become. I do not want You to ever have to compete for my heart. Keep my security in You, not in our bank account.

Everything that is done in secret will be brought to light (Luke 8:17), so I pray that our family will manage our resources in a manner that's above reproach. I pray for holy conviction regarding how our family makes money. May we bring a ministry mindset into whatever our hands find to do (1 Corinthians 10:31), conducting ourselves with integrity, even if it costs us financially.

Let how our family spends money be a conscious decision rather than an unguided habit. Prompt me to be a cheerful giver, investing wherever I see You working. May I regard both my time and resources as ways to support Your work here on earth.



Give Me a Moldable Heart

Lord God, I pray for a moldable heart that is receptive to Your leading, Your teaching, and Your loving rebuke. You say in Your Word that a broken and contrite heart You will not despise (Psalm 51:17). There is a lot I have control over, but my heart is not one of those things. Only You can change my heart, so I ask for a heart that can hear Your reproof. God, criticism is never fun, but when I hear it, I pray for the strength of character to evaluate if what is said about me is true. May I never discount good counsel just because of who says it.

Lord, I pray for a heart that is growing daily in delight for the things that please You. And I pray to be resensitized to the things that grieve You; if something is contemptible to You, let it also be repulsive to me. Lord, if I have grown complacent toward the sin in the world, the themes in my TV shows and movies, may You return to me a godly sense of shock and displeasure at unrighteousness. Help me surround myself

with things that uplift truth, purity, goodness, and all that is excellent and praiseworthy.

I pray You would reveal to me when I am participating in anything that increases hardness or numbness in my heart. May I have the boldness to remove those influences from my life. God, with every breath, I place myself back in submission to You, seeking to walk in a way that brings glory to Your name. Guide the decisions I make each day. I pray against any kind of pride that would puff me up, and may I see myself humbly and with sober judgment (Romans 12:3). Grant me, God, a heart that responds willingly to the hands of the Potter.