



Praying for Your Teens

by Kathy Perkins

Blessed be the LORD, because He has heard the voice of my supplication. The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, and with my song I shall thank Him.

Psalm 28:6-7

1. Why pray for our teens?

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

“Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers.”

J. Sidlow Baxter

“It is possible to move men, through God, by prayer alone.”

Hudson Taylor

2. What happens when we don't pray for our teens?

Ezekiel 22:30 I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.

Psalm 106:23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen one stood in the breach before Him, to turn away His wrath from destroying them.

“When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy.”

Corrie ten Boom

3. What inspired you to pray for your teens?

Psalm 62:8 Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

Malachi 4:6 He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.

4. How to pray for your teens?

1 John 5:14 *This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

5. Areas that teens need prayer? See appendix

6. What if we pray for years and still have a prodigal?

Hebrews 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

1 Peter 1:6-7 *In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Psalm 46:10 *Cease striving and know that I am God.*

7. What hope do we have?

Psalm 130:5 *I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope.*

Praying for your teens book recommendations:

Jodie Berndt, Zondervan:

Praying the Scriptures for Your Children

Praying the Scriptures for Your Teens

Jabez Burns, Solid Ground Christian Books:

Mothers of the Wise and Good

Sylvia Gunter, The Father's Business:

For the Family

Mother's Prayer Time

What: Prayer time for your Teens

When: 4:30 p.m. to 5:05 p.m. each Sunday

Room: 2 year old nursery

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Appendix: Prayers for Children*

1. Salvation to every generation till time shall be no more.
(Ironsides)
2. Pray that the Lord would stay our sins from being passed from generation to generation. Num. 14:18-20
3. Pray that your children will fear the Lord and serve Him.
Deut. 6:13
4. Pray that your children will hate sin. Ps. 97:10; 119:128
5. Pray that your children will be caught when they are guilty.
Ps. 119:71 (Pray that the Lord would restore them through those who are spiritually minded. Gal. 6:1 *Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.*)
6. Pray that your children will respect those in authority over them. Rom. 13:1
7. Pray that your children will desire the right kind of friends and be protected from the wrong kinds. Pro. 1:10, 15
8. Pray that your children will be kept from the wrong mate and saved for the right one. II Cor. 6:18-20
9. Pray that your children and their prospective mates will be kept pure until marriage (and remain faithful after marriage until death parts them - added). I Cor. 6:18-20
10. Pray that your children will learn to submit totally to God and actively resist Satan in all circumstances. James 4:7-8
11. Pray that your children will be single-hearted, willing to be sold out to Jesus – “a good soldier for Jesus Christ.”
II Tim. 2:2-3
12. Pray that your children will be hedged in so they cannot find their way to wrong people or wrong places, and that wrong people cannot find their way to our children.
Hosea 2:6-7

13. Pray that your children will have quick repentant hearts.
Ps. 51:1-3
14. Pray that your children will honor their parents so that all will go well with them. Eph. 6:1-2
15. Pray that your children's lives will bear the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22-23
16. Pray that your children will be teachable and able to take correction. Pro. 13:1
17. Pray that your children will live by the spirit and not gratify their flesh. Gal. 5:16
18. Pray that your children will trust in the Lord for direction in their lives, including their occupation and spouse.
Pro. 3:5-6
19. Pray that your children will learn obedience through the things they suffer. Heb. 5:8a
20. Pray that your children will have a discerning spirit regarding drugs, moral purity, alcohol, pornography, homosexuality, music, dress and the media. Heb. 5:14
21. Pray that your children will set their affections on things above not on things of the earth. Col. 3:1-2
22. Pray that your children would not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their minds.
Rom. 12:2
23. Pray that your children would love each other and dwell together in unity. Ps. 133:1
24. Pray that your children would be grateful. Ps. 103:2,
I Thess. 5:18
25. Pray that your children would hunger and thirst after righteousness and God's Words. Matt. 5:6

Prayers for us as Parents

26. Pray that as parents we will have wisdom and that we might be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. James 1:5, Col. 1:9
27. Pray that as parents we will have an awareness of when to say "no" to our children because of our particular propensities to sin; in order that we do not aid in leading them into temptation, but help in delivering them from evil. Num. 14:18, Matt. 6:13
28. Pray that we as parents will have discernment in living a simple life, so that our children's minds be not corrupted from simplicity that is in Christ. II Cor. 11:3
29. Pray that we as parents will be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath. James 1:9
30. Pray that we as parents will not provoke our children to anger so that they will not be discouraged. Col. 3:21
31. Pray that we would rear them in faith and not in fear.
II Tim. 1:7
32. Pray that we would be ready at our time of departure from this life. II Tim. 4:6
33. Pray that when I am old and gray headed, that the Lord would not forsake me; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come. Ps. 71:18
34. Pray that we as parents would remember that a soft answer turns away wrath, and that grievous words stir up anger. Pro. 15:1
35. Pray that we would have an understanding heart to judge; to discern between good and bad. I Kings 3:9
36. Pray that we would praise the Lord since our salvation and that the Lord has put a new song in our mouth, even praise

unto God; so that many will see it and fear, and shall trust in Him. Ps. 40:3

37. Pray that we will not hide from our children God's truths, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wonderful words that He hath done. That the generation to come might know them even the children which should be born; that they may arise and declare them to their children. Ps. 78:4-6
38. Pray that the Lord would teach us...give understanding...make us to go... incline our hearts... Ps. 119:33-36
39. Pray that God would give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself; that the eyes of our understanding would be enlightened; and that we would know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of the inheritance, and the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe. Eph. 1:17-18
40. Pray that the Lord would teach me those things that I see not; and when I have sinned, I would repent. Job 34:32— similar to number 13.
41. Pray that our generation would praise thy works to another, and that we would declare His mighty acts. Ps. 145:4
42. Pray that we would take heed and keep our souls diligently, lest we forget the things which our eyes have seen, and lest they depart from our heart all the days of our life and to teach them to our sons, and our sons' sons. Deut. 4:9

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