

# A Prayer for My Child

I come to You in Jesus' name and give (*name of child*) to You.

I'm convinced that You alone know what is best for *him/her*.

You alone know what *he/she* needs. I release *him/her* to You to care for and protect, and I commit myself to pray for everything concerning *him/her* that I can think of or that You put upon my heart.

Teach me how to pray and guide me in what to pray about.

Help me not to impose my own will when I'm praying for *him/her*, but rather enable me to pray that Your will be done in *his/her* life.

Thank You that I can partner with You in raising *him/her* and that I don't have to rely on the world's unreliable and ever-changing methods for child rearing, but that I can have clear directions from Your Word and wisdom as I pray to You for answers.

Thank You, Lord, for the precious gift of this child.

Because Your Word says that every good gift comes from You, I know that You have given *him/her* to me to care for and raise.

Help me do that. Show me places where I continue to hang on to *him/her* and enable me to release *him/her* to Your protection, guidance, and counsel. Help me not to live in fear of possible dangers, but in the joy and peace of knowing that You are in control. I rely on You for everything, and this day I trust my child to You and release *him/her* into Your hands.

Amen.

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