How to Pray for Your Children

What a comfort it is to know that Jesus prays for His children! It is of great comfort to even the very young child to know that his parents love him and care for him so much that they pray to their Heavenly Father about him. The following suggestions might be helpful as you think of praying for your child, for his needs now and for his needs in the future:

- 1. That they will know Christ as Savior early in life (Ps. 63:1; II Tim. 3:15; Isa. 54:13).
- 2. That they will have a hatred for sin (Ps. 97:10)
- 3. That they will have a love for the Truth (Ps. 51:6, II Thes. 2:10)
- 4. That they will have a fear of the Lord at all times (Prov.1:7; 9:10; Ps. 19:9-11; Prov. 6:23)
- 5. That they will be caught when guilty (Ps. 119:71).
- 6. Send Holy Spirit to bring conviction for their sins (John 16:8).
- 7. That they will be protected from the evil one in each area of their lives: spiritual, emotional, and physical (John 17:15).
- 8. That they will walk in the spiritual armor provided for them through Jesus Christ (Eph. 6:10-18).
- 9. That they will have a responsible attitude in all interpersonal relationships (Dan. 6:3).
- 10. That they will be diligent in their studies (Gen. 39:2-6; Ezra 7:10; 8:23).
- 11. That they will respect those in authority over them (Rom. 13:1).
- 12. That they will desire the right kinds of friends and be protected from wrong influences (Prov. 1:10-15; Hos. 2:6).
- 13. That they will be kept from the wrong mate and saved for the right one (2 Cor. 6:14-17).
- 14. That they, as well as those they marry, will be kept pure until marriage (1 Cor. 6:14-17).
- 15. That they will learn to totally submit to God and actively resist Satan in all circumstances (James 4:7).
- 16. That they will be single-hearted, willing to be sold out for Jesus Christ (Rom. 12:1-2).
- 17. That the Lord would prepare them in all ways to do the work He has chosen for them in this life (Eph. 2:10).