



HONORING YOUR PARENTS THROUGH PRAYER



Honor your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise), that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land. (Ephesians 6:2-3)

What better way to observe the biblical commandment to honor your parents than by praying for them? Here are some suggested prayer points.

Thank God for your parents, recognizing that they are from Him.

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. (Ephesians 1:16)

If your relationship with your parents is strained or broken, pray for the repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation that is needed.*

Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14)

Pray for their continued spiritual growth, that they would finish life spiritually strong. If your parents are not believers, pray that God would awaken faith in them to call upon Him and be saved.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7)

Pray for their marriage. If your parent is widowed, pray that he or she will walk in the peace and comfort of God's care.

However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

(Ephesians 5:33)

Pray that they would be effective in their parenting and grand-parenting. Ask God to sustain within them a vibrant sense of purpose and influence.

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. (Psalm 112:1-2)

Pray that God will help you to honor your parents both in private and in public.

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. (Proverbs 3:27)

Pray for the restoration of parent-child relationships within your extended family and throughout the world.

And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. (Malachi 4:6)



* For further help in dealing with a difficult relationship with your parents, visit www.FamilyLife.com and enter forgiveness in the search field.

To learn more about the importance and benefits of honoring parents, read *The Forgotten Commandment* by Dennis Rainey.

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