

40-DAYS PRAYER GUIDE
CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



PRAY

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are glad that you have decided to go on the journey of praying the Word of God over your child. We believe that God has the final say over the identity of our children, because He made all of them in His image.

As you begin to hear what the Word of God has to say about your child, we encourage you to believe it. Regardless of what you might see in the physical, know that our God is faithful. He has promised us in His Word (John 14:13-14), that whatever we ask in His name, that He will do.

We have shared 40 scriptures to pray with from the Bible. The chosen scriptures affirm: the promises of God, our identity in Christ Jesus, examples of when people were healed and the need to engage in spiritual warfare.

Our prayer is that as you begin to speak the Word of God over your child, you will begin to see changes, to the glory of God.

We look forward to hearing your testimony, in Jesus name.

Amen.

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IDENTITY

DAY 1

May our sons flourish in their youths like well-nurtured plants. May our daughters be like graceful pillars, carved to beautify a palace.

Psalm 144:12 (NLT)

Dear Father,

I decree and declare that **[son's name]** is like a well-nurtured plant from his youth. Therefore, he will not be delayed in his development. Even from a young age, he is ahead in every area of his life. There is no delay, in Jesus name.

Amen.

Dear Father,

I decree and declare that **[daughter's name]** is like a graceful pillar, carved to beautify the palace. Therefore, she will not be delayed in her development. I decree and declare that she has emotional intelligence, she is charming and she is sophisticated in all her ways. **[Daughter's name]** is royalty, at the right time, she will make it to the palace and beautify it, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 2

[27] So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God, He created them; male and female He created them. [28] Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.

[31] Then God looked over all He had made, and He saw that it was very good!

Genesis 1:27-28,31 (NLT)

Dear Father,

I thank you that **[child's name]** is created in Your image, therefore **[child's name]** is intelligent, creative and powerful, just like You. You have blessed **[child's name]** therefore, he/she will be fruitful and multiply. You have given him/her dominion over all living creatures, therefore I decree and declare according to Your Word that **[child's name]** will reign. He/she will not be at the mercy of his/her teachers, siblings or any other person. **[Child's name]** will only fall into Your hands, for Your mercy is great. Thank you that when You look at **[child's name]**, You say he/she is 'very good', in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 3

We have become His poetry, a recreated people that will fulfil the destiny He has given us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfil it.

Ephesians 2:10 (TPT)

Dear Father,

Thank you that ***[child's name]*** is Your masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Even before he/she was born, You planned his/her destiny and how he/she would fulfil it. Therefore, any power that may be contending with ***[child's name]***'s destiny is overruled and destroyed, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 4

I will give thanks and praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.

Psalm 139:14 (AMP)

Dear Father,

Thank you that **[child's name]** is fearfully and wonderfully made. From the crown of his/her head to the sole of his/her feet, nothing is missing or broken, everything is perfectly in place. I refuse to believe any negative label or diagnosis that wants to associate itself with **[child's name]**. Instead, I choose to believe what You have said in Your Word concerning **[child's name]**, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 5

[I always pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may grant you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation [that gives you a deep and personal and intimate insight] into the true knowledge of Him [for we know the Father through the Son].

Ephesians 1:17 (AMP)

Dear Father,

Thank you for **[child's name]**. I pray that You would give him/her the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that as he/she grows he/she will begin to have insight into who You are. May Your Holy Spirit quicken **[child's name]**'s understanding and give him/her deep, personal and intimate insight into the knowledge of You, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 6

The Spirit of Yahweh will rest upon him, the Spirit of Extraordinary Wisdom, the Spirit of Perfect Understanding, the Spirit of Wise Strategy, the Spirit of Mighty Power, the Spirit of Revelation and the Spirit of the Fear of Yahweh.

Isaiah 11:2 (TPT)

Dear Father,

I pray that the Spirit of prophecy rests upon **[child's name]**. May extraordinary wisdom, perfect understanding and wise strategy rest upon **[child's name]**. May the Spirit of counsel, might, knowledge and fear of the Lord hover over him/her, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 7

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Luke 2:52 (NIV)

Dear Father,

Thank you for Jesus and sending Him to earth to live in the flesh. I decree and declare that just like Jesus, **[child's name]** will grow in wisdom, stature and favour with God and man. **[Child's name]** will not be at the mercy of his/her parents, siblings, teachers or peers. He/she will experience favour on every side, for he/she is greatly loved by You, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 8

[3] Behold, children are a heritage and gift from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. [4] Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. [5] How blessed [happy and fortunate] is the man whose quiver is filled with them; they will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies [in gatherings] at the [city] gate.

Psalm 127:3-5 (AMP)

Dear Father,

Thank you for Your promise concerning my children. **[Child's name]** is a love gift and heaven's generous reward to me. I decree and declare that as **[child's name]** grows, he/she will be an arrow in my hands, he/she will rise and protect me. **[Child's name]** will not bring me shame but victory when I meet and speak with my accusers at gatherings, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 9

And He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:17 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you that before ***[child's name]*** was created, You existed. I pray that ***[child's name]***'s life will be held together and find completion in You. I am grateful that everything You hold together is in safe hands and will be secure, in Jesus name. Amen.



PROMISES

DAY 10

But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4:18 (NKJV)

Dear Father,

I decree and declare that ***[child's name]***'s path is like the shining sun, it shines brighter and brighter until the perfect day. ***[Child's name]***'s best days are ahead of him/her, therefore things will only get better, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 11

In that day, the Lord will defend the people of Jerusalem, and the one who is impaired among them in the day [of persecution] will become [strong and noble] like David; and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the Lord [who is] before them.

Zechariah 12:8 ESV

Dear Father,

Thank you that the least of my children will be great. I decree and declare that **[child's name]** will be mighty, strong and as glorious as King David. **[Child's name]** will not be weak, but his/her descendants will be godlike, just like the Angel of God going before them, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 12

I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 22: 17-18 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you that we are descendants of Abraham.

Therefore, I decree and declare that **[child's name]** will be blessed. He/she will surely multiply and his/her offspring will be many. **[Child's name]** will possess the gate of his/her enemies and in him/her, all the nations of the earth will be blessed, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 13

Therefore, say to them, thus says the Lord God: 'None of my words will be delayed any longer, but the word that I speak will be performed, declares the Lord God.'

Ezekiel 12:28 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank You that every prophetic word that you have spoken over **[child's name]** will come to pass.

Your promises over [child's name] will be made manifest, there will be no more delay, in Jesus name. Amen.

DAY 14

'Her children rise up and call her blessed'

Proverbs 31:28 NKJV

Dear Father,

Thank you for Your promise, that our children will rise and call us blessed. Therefore, I decree and declare that **[child's name]** will speak and have the understanding that will enable him/her to rise up and call me 'blessed', in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 15

[17] Every gift God freely gives us is good and perfect, streaming down from the Father of lights who shines from the heavens with no hidden shadow or darkness and is never subject to change. [18] God was delighted to give us birth by the truth of His infallible word so that we would fulfil His chosen destiny for us and become the favourite ones out of all His creation.

James 1:17-18 (TPT)

Dear Father,

Thank you that when you created ***[child's name]***, You created him/her complete, wholesome and perfect. ***[Child's name]*** is more than enough and sufficient. You gave birth to him/her by the truth of Your Word so that he/she would fulfil his/her prophetic destiny. I come against any power that would contend with ***[child's name]*** fulfilling what You have purposed him/her to do, in Jesus name. Amen.

DAY 16

Listen carefully, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders [that will occur] in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

Isaiah 8:18 (AMP)

Dear Father,

Thank you for the gift of ***[child's name]***. You have promised that he/she is for signs and wonders that will occur through him in his/her generation. Lord of Hosts, please use the situation he/she is facing now to bring Yourself glory, by making him/her a testimony of what You can do. May he/she be a sign and a wonder in his/her generation, in Jesus name.

Amen

DAY 17

God is not man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change his mind. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfil it?

Numbers 23:19 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you that You are too faithful to fail. You do not lie, every promise You have given us will not change because You do not change Your mind. I pray that every good prophetic word that You have spoken over ***[child's name]*** will come to pass, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 18

"With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

Mark 10:27 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you that You are the God of all possibilities. Nothing is too difficult for You. Everything is possible with You, including healing ***[child's name]*** from every symptom and diagnosis he/she has been labelled with. I pray that You would show Yourself faithful in ***[child's name]***'s life by making him/her a testimony of what You can do, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 19

[10] So that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow [in submission], of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and that every tongue will confess and openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord (sovereign God), to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2: 10-11 (AMP)

Dear Father,

Thank you that one day every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. I pray that whilst ***[child's name]*** is on earth, he/she will be able to confess Your Lordship over his/her life to the glory of God the Father. Give him/her understanding of who You are, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 20

All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and
great shall be the peace of your children.

Isaiah 54:13 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you for the promise that our children will be taught by You. According to this promise, I decree and declare that **[child's name]** will be taught by the Lord. He/she will have the understanding needed to be able to be taught by You. Touch **[child's name]**'s brain and heal anything that stops him/her from understanding and learning the way You intended for him/her to be able to process information, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 21

And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

Deuteronomy 28:13 (NKJV)

Dear Father,

Thank you for the promise that You will make us the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. Therefore, I decree and declare concerning **[child's name]**, he/she will be the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. You have attached a condition, that we need to listen to Your commandments for this promise to come to pass. Therefore, I decree and declare that **[child's name]** will have the understanding to be able to obey Your commandments and walk in Your promise, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 22

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Joel 2:28 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you for the promise that our sons and daughters will prophesy. I pray that You would pour out Your Holy Spirit on **[child's name]**. May he/she be changed from the outpouring of Your Spirit on him/her and may the evidence be the gift of prophesying, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 23

[1] Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; [2] but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, he meditates day and night. [3] He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Psalm 1:1-3 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you for your Word and promise. I decree and declare that **[child's name]** will be like a tree planted by the rivers of water. He/ she will bear fruit in every season of his/her life. **[Child's name]**'s leaves will not wither and he/she will prosper in everything that he/she does. Anything that is contrary to Your Word or stopping this promise from coming to pass, I reverse, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 24

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.
"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give
you a future and a hope."*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

Dear Father,

Thank you for the promise You have given us concerning our future. I decree and declare that **[child's name]**'s future is secure in You. The plans that You have for **[child's name]**'s future will be good, not evil. He/she will have an expected end, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 25

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you [and approved of you as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I consecrated you [to Myself as My own]; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 1:5 (AMP)

Dear Father,

Thank you that before **[child's name]** was in the womb, You knew him/her. You had a plan and have appointed him/her to be a blessing to his/her generation. I pray that because You are faithful and do not change Your mind, You would fulfil the plan You have for **[child's name]**'s life. As **[child's name]** is seen in heaven, let that be manifested here on earth, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 26

*You keep every promise You've ever made to me!
Since Your love for me is constant and endless, I ask
You, Lord, to finish every good thing that You've
begun in me!*

Psalm 138:8 (TPT)

Dear Father,

Thank you that You are faithful to complete every good thing that You begin. I pray that You would perfect everything that concerns ***[child's name]***. Do not forsake the works of Your hands, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 27

[18] 'Stop dwelling on the past. Don't even remember these former things. [19] I am doing something brand new, something unheard of. Even now it sprouts and grows and matures. Don't you perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and open up flowing streams in the desert.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (TPT)

Dear Father,

Thank you for Your promise that You are doing something new in **[child's name]**'s life. I decree and declare that the new thing You are doing, will be unheard of. The testimony will seem too good to be true. I pray that You would make a way out of no way in **[child's name]**'s life. Thank you for the miracle that is to come, in Jesus name. Amen.

DAY 28

[9] Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:9-10 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you for dying on the cross for **[child's name]**. You gave Your only Son freely that we would be reconciled back to You. I, therefore decree and declare that **[child's name]** will be saved. Loosen his/her tongue and touch his/her brain that **[child's name]** would begin to understand who You are. He/she will be able to confess You as his/her Lord and Saviour. **[Child's name]** will make it to heaven, in Jesus name. Amen.

DAY 29

[5] Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. [6] In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Dear Father,

Thank you for ***[child's name]***. On behalf of ***[child's name]*** and I, we submit ourselves to Your Spirit. Help me to trust You and not rely on the things that I think will work. Help me to listen to Your voice that will guide me concerning ***[child's name]***. I chose to acknowledge You and seek Your will in every way for ***[child's name]***. Teach me to understand Your ways and not rely on any external factor, in Jesus name.

Amen.



WARFARE

DAY 30

Even though you intended to hurt me, God intended it for good. It was His plan all along.

Genesis 50:20 (TPT)

Dear Father,

Thank you that You have a perfect plan for ***[child's name]***'s life. Whatever the enemy might have intended to use to hurt ***[child's name]***, I believe You can turn it around for his/her good, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 31

".....But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15 (ESV)

Dear Father,

According to Your Word, the **[Surname]** family will serve You. Not only will I serve You, but all of my family will serve You. Therefore, I decree and declare that any developmental delay that will hinder **[child's name]** from serving You, will be overturned, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 32

[16]He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." [17] Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So, the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

2 Kings 6:16-17 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you that You are the Lord of Hosts, Yahweh Sabboth. You surround **[child's name]** with Your heavenly army. Open my eyes to see how You are fighting every battle on his/her behalf. Thank you that **[child's name]** is victorious because You have already won the battle, in Jesus name. Amen.

DAY 33

[4] The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. [9] The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

Psalm 29: 4, 9 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you that Your voice is powerful and at the sound of Your voice, situations change. As Your voice makes the deer to give birth and strips the forest bare, let Your voice speak life into **[child's name]** and turn every symptom and diagnosis around. **[Child's name]** is made in Your image, therefore as Your voice is powerful, so shall **[child's name]**'s voice be powerful and change atmospheres, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 34

Then the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah [giving him supernatural strength]. He girded up his loins and outran Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel [nearly twenty miles].

1 Kings 18:46 (AMP)

Dear Father,

As Your hand was on Elijah when he outran the chariots, may Your mighty hand come upon **[child's name]**, giving him/her supernatural strength. Because of Your hand upon his/her life, may **[child's name]** outrun his/her peers. Where there has been delay, please turn things around, may **[child's name]** catch up with his/her developmental milestones, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 35

No curse can touch Jacob; no magic has any power against Israel. For now it will be said of Jacob, 'What wonders God has done for Israel!'

Numbers 23:23 (NLT)

Dear Father,

Thank you that no curse or divination can touch **[child's name]**. Any attack of demonic forces or spirit of darkness will not be able to stand. It will be said of **[child's name]**, 'what wonders has God done in his/her life', in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 36

Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength because of Your adversaries, that You might silence the enemy and make the revengeful cease.

Psalm 8:2 (AMP)

Dear Father,

Thank you for establishing Your strength through children. I decree and declare that You would build a stronghold by the songs that will come out of **[child's name]**'s mouth. As you loosen **[child's name]**'s tongue to speak, may strength rise. As he/she praises You, silence the enemy and the avenger, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 37

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

John 10:10 (AMP)

Dear Father,

Thank you for the promise Jesus made. He came to earth to give us life, that we may have it in abundance. Therefore, I decree and declare that **[child's name]** will experience life in abundance. Anything in **[child's name]**'s life that is contrary to this Word, will not stand, in Jesus name.

Amen.

A wooden hourglass with a glass bulb and sand, set against a white brick wall background. The hourglass is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its wooden frame and glass bulb visible. The sand is in the lower bulb. The background is a white brick wall. A yellow horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the word "HEALING" in dark blue, bold, uppercase letters.

HEALING

DAY 38

[14] And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. [15] He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. [16] That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. [17] This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

Matthew 8:14-17 (ESV)

Dear Father,

Thank you that You are the God that heals our bodies and all our infirmities. In the same way You healed Peter's mother-in-law, please reveal yourself as Jehovah Rapha in **[child's name]**'s life and turn things around at Your Word. Thank you that when Jesus died on the cross, He bore every negative label and diagnosis that would be used to describe **[child's name]** so that he/she would not have to, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 39

At once Zacharias' mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began speaking, praising and blessing and thanking God.

Luke 1:64 AMP

Dear Father,

I decree and declare that **[child's name]**'s mouth is opened, his/her tongue loosed and he/she begins to speak, bless and praise You. Any power or spirit of muteness preventing **[child's name]** from speaking is overturned and destroyed, in Jesus name.

Amen.

DAY 40

[31] Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. [32] And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay his hand on Him. [33] And taking Him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. [34] And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." [35] And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

Mark 7:31-35 ESV

Dear Father,

Thank you that You are able and willing to heal ***[child's name]*** of every affliction. Please open up every body part that is closed contrary to Your will, so that ***[child's name]*** may function perfectly, in Jesus name.

Amen.

