



# school prayer prompt cards

## FOR PARENTS



### *Praying to have God's heart for my children*

Today I pray that I would have God's heart for my children. I align my heart with 1 John 4:7 and declare that in this family we will love one another, for love is from God and everyone who loves is from God and knows God. I ask, according to Malachi 4:6, that God would turn our hearts as parents towards our children, and our children's hearts toward us. I pray that as I seek to never exasperate my children, but to bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord, that they would obey their parents and honor their father and mother so that it will go well with them and they may enjoy long life (Ephesians 6:1-4). When I struggle to have God's heart for my children I declare that I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength, according to Philippians 4:13. Today and everyday I ask that the Lord would create in me a clean, pure heart towards my children and renew a steadfast and loyal spirit in me as their parent (Psalm 51:10).



### *Praying for my children's relationships with authority figures*

Today I lift up my children's relationships with their teachers, coaches and other authority figures in their lives. I ask, according to 1 Peter 2:17, that they would show proper respect to everyone, and would especially submit to their elders, clothing themselves with humility because God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble (1 Peter 5:5). I declare, with Hebrew 13:17, that my children would have confidence in their leaders and submit to their authority so that their teachers and coaches would see my children as a joy and not a burden. I pray that no teacher or coach would take my children captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy (Colossians 2:8), but that they would partner with us to train our children in the way they should go so that when they are old they will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). I ask, according to Proverbs 2:1-2 that my children would accept the word of the authority figures in their lives and store their commands within them, turning their ears to wisdom and applying their hearts to understanding. I ask that my children would come to understand that God disciplines those He loves, according to Hebrews 12:6, and they would love the discipline their teachers and coaches give to them (Proverbs 12:1). Ultimately I pray that through submitting to the authority figures in their lives and having a teachable spirit, my children would learn to always submit to the authority of the Word of God.



### *Praying for my children's faith and character*

Today I pray for my children's faith and character. I declare, according to Matthew 19:14, that the kingdom of God belongs to them and I refuse to let anyone hinder my children from coming to Jesus. I ask that my children would confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that God raised Him from the dead so that they will be saved. I pray, with Ephesians 3:16-19, that God will strengthen my children with the power of His Spirit so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. I pray that they will be rooted and established in love, and may have the power to grasp how wide, long, high, and deep Christ's love is for them. I declare, according to 2 Corinthians 3:12, since my children have this hope in Jesus they will be very bold in their school and relationships. Ultimately, I ask with Galatians 5:22-23, that my children will display the fruit of the Spirit in all they do; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, and they will never be ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16).



### *Praying for energy and priorities as a parent*

Today I pray for my own energy and priorities as a parent. I declare, with Joshua 24:15, that as for me and my house will serve the Lord. I ask for help in taking every opportunity to impress the Lord's commandments on my children; that I would talk about them when we sit at home, when we drive to activities, when we go to bed and when we get up (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). As a parent I declare, according to Isaiah 30:21, that I will not look to the right or the left, comparing myself, my child, or our circumstances with those around us, but I will listen to the voice of the Lord telling me, "This is the way, walk in it." I ask with Psalm 90:12, that I would learn to number my days correctly and prioritize my family's time discerningly so that we would gain a heart of wisdom. I also say that if the Lord's presence does not go with me as a parent, I do not want to forge ahead in any decision (Exodus 33:15). I pray to be strengthened with all power according to God's glorious might (not my own) so that I may have great endurance and patience as a parent, according to Colossians 1:11. When the days are long and my energy is low I ask that I would not grow weary in doing the good work of parenting because I know in due season I will reap the harvest if I do not give up (Galatians 6:9).



### Praying for my children's safety

Today I pray that my children will remain safe everywhere they go and in everything they do. I ask, based on Psalm 91:11, that angels be commanded to guard them in all their ways, and declare that because the Lord is their refuge no harm will overtake them and no disaster will come near them (Psalm 91:9-10). I know that God will protect the ways of His faithful ones (Proverbs 2:8), and allow my children to enjoy safe pasture (Psalm 37:3). I align my children with 3 John 2 and say that they will enjoy good health and it will go well with their souls. I ask, according to 2 Thessalonians 3:3, that God will not only strengthen their bodies but protect them from the evil one today. I acknowledge, according to Psalms 4:8, that my children will lie down in peace and sleep soundly tonight because of God's safety and protection, and He will refresh them when they are weary and satisfy them when they are faint (Jeremiah 31:25).



### Praying for my children's relationships with peers

Today I lift up my children's relationships with their peers. I ask that they would have friends like the paralytic in Mark 2; friends that would fight to take them to Jesus when they cannot get to Him on their own. I declare, according to Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, that two are better than one and when my children fall they will have friends to help them up. I pray that they would be friends and have friends that love at all times (Proverbs 17:17), and ask that they would know the blessing of friendships that sharpen them like iron sharpens iron (Proverbs 27:17). I pray that my children would never walk in step with the wicked, or stand in the way that sinners take, or sit in the company mockers (Psalm 1:1). According to Colossians 3:12-13, I ask that as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, my children would clothe themselves in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience bearing with their friends and forgiving them. I pray that, today and always, my children would treat others the way they would want to be treated (Luke 6:31).

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