

## Prayers for Raising Children

Frank Bernat, senior associate minister at Roswell Church in Roswell, Georgia, shares timely parenting tips that may be passed on as a spiritual legacy from generation to generation.

### 10 Commandments of Parenting

1. Teach them, using God's Word (Deut. 6:6-9).
2. Tell them what's right and wrong (Prov. 22:6).
3. See them as gifts from God (Ps. 127:3-5).
4. Guide them in godly ways (Prov. 4:1-2).
5. Discipline them (Deut. 21:18-19).
6. Love them unconditionally (1 Cor. 13:4-7).
7. Do not provoke them to wrath (Eph. 6:4).
8. Earn their respect by example (Titus 2:7).
9. Provide for their physical needs (1 Tim. 5:8).
10. Pass your faith along to them (2 Tim. 1:13).

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**Train a child in the way he  
should go, and when he is  
old he will not turn from it.**

**Proverbs 22:6**

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<p><b>1</b> God, thank you for blessing us with children. Help us to appreciate our gifts from you. Ps. 127:3-5</p>	<p><b>2</b> God, we pray that our children learn to love our Lord as their Savior and understand the depth of your sacrifice. John 3:16</p>	<p><b>3</b> God, impress your commandments on our children's hearts so that they seek to please you in all that they do. Deut. 6:6-9</p>	<p><b>4</b> God, may our children treasure your word more than wealth and base their lives on it as their standard. Ps. 119:127-130</p>	<p><b>5</b> God, help us model for our children the importance of worship, prayer, and Bible study. Jos. 1:8</p>	<p><b>6</b> God, grant us the ability to give our children a clear understanding of right and wrong. Prov. 4:1</p>	<p><b>7</b> God, allow us to discover the sheer joy of spending time with our children and being present in their lives. Prov. 17:6</p>
<p><b>8</b> God, help us shape our children's character and serve as their spiritual guides. Prov. 4:1-13</p>	<p><b>9</b> God, equip our children with everything they need to fulfill your plans for them. May they always rely on you. Jer. 29:11</p>	<p><b>10</b> God, teach us how to lovingly raise our children. John 13:34</p>	<p><b>11</b> God, help our children show respect to their parents, teachers, and other persons in authority. Rom. 13:1</p>	<p><b>12</b> God, let our children know from experience how unconditionally and extravagantly you love them. 1 John 3:1</p>	<p><b>13</b> God, may our children learn from our example that love is patient, kind, and rejoices with the truth. 1 Cor. 13:4-6</p>	<p><b>14</b> God, prevent us from provoking our children to anger. Help us raise them according to your instructions. Eph. 6:4</p>
<p><b>15</b> God, enable us to protect our children and provide for their spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. 1 Tim. 5:8</p>	<p><b>16</b> God, may our children learn the importance of right living over outward beauty and material rewards. 1 Tim. 6:17</p>	<p><b>17</b> God, regardless of how busy we are, help us to listen patiently to our children. Prov. 1:5</p>	<p><b>18</b> God, help us model for our children how to walk in forgiveness and to love even our enemies. Matt. 5:43-48</p>	<p><b>19</b> God, we pray that our children will commit their lives to you and be inspired by your Spirit. Acts 2:4</p>	<p><b>20</b> God, keep our children humble, thankful, and ever aware that all good things come from you. Ps. 25:9</p>	<p><b>21</b> God, may we set an example for our children in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. 1 Tim. 4:12</p>
<p><b>22</b> God, enable us to trust you with all our hearts, leaning not on our own understanding. Prov. 3:5</p>	<p><b>23</b> God, we pray that our children will learn to communicate with you, praise you, honor you, and bring glory to your name. Matt. 21:16</p>	<p><b>24</b> God, help our children choose their friendships wisely and to act according to your guidance. John 15:13-14</p>	<p><b>25</b> God, set our children's thoughts on what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and worthy of praise. Phil. 4:8</p>	<p><b>26</b> God, give our children a servant's heart and mindset that puts other people first and their own self-interests last. Mark 10:43-45</p>	<p><b>27</b> God, give our children Christ-centered confidence that they may show forth your Son. Heb. 4:16</p>	<p><b>28</b> God, give our children a passion for loving you with all of their hearts, minds, souls, and strength. Luke 10:27</p>
<p><b>29</b> God, develop love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in us and our children. Gal. 5:22-26</p>	<p><b>30</b> God, we give you thanks for the hope and abundant life we enjoy in Christ. Keep our eyes fixed on that assurance. 2 Cor. 4:16-18</p>	<p><b>31</b> God, bless us and keep our children; make your face shine upon us; be gracious to us; and give us peace. Num. 6:24-26</p>				 <p><a href="http://www.ngumc.org">www.ngumc.org</a></p>