

31 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Kids

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1. **Salvation** — "Lord, let salvation spring up within my children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory." ([Isa. 45:8](#); [2 Tim. 2:10](#))
2. **Growth in Grace** — "I pray that my children may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." ([2 Pet. 3:18](#))
3. **Love** — "Grant, Lord, that my children may learn to live a life of love, through the Spirit, who dwells in them." ([Gal. 5:25](#); [Eph. 5:2](#))
4. **Honesty and Integrity** — "May integrity and honesty be their virtue and their protection." ([Ps. 25:21](#))
5. **Self-Control** — "Father, help my children not to be like many others around them, but let them be alert and self-controlled in all they do." ([1 Thess. 5:6](#))
6. **Love for God's Word** — "May my children grow to find Your Word more precious than much pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb." ([Ps. 19:10](#))
7. **Justice** — "God, help my children to love justice as You do and act justly in all they do." ([Ps. 11:7](#); [Mic. 6:8](#))
8. **Mercy** — "May my children always be merciful, just as their Father is merciful." ([Luke 6:36](#))
9. **Respect** (for self, others, and authority) — "Father, grant that my children may show proper respect to everyone, as Your Word commands." ([1 Pet. 2:17](#))
10. **Biblical Self-Esteem** — "Help my children develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus." ([Eph. 2:10](#))
11. **Faithfulness** — "Let love and faithfulness never leave my children, but bind these twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of their hearts." ([Prov. 3:3](#))
12. **Courage** — "May my children always be strong and courageous in their character." ([Deut. 31:6](#))
13. **Purity** — "Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in their actions." ([Ps. 51:10](#))
14. **Kindness** — "Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else." ([1 Thess. 5:15](#))
15. **Generosity** — "Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age." ([1 Tim. 6:18-19](#))

- 16. Peace-Loving** — "Father, let my children make every effort to do what leads to peace." ([Rom. 14:19](#))
- 17. Joy** — "May my children be filled with the joy given by the Holy Spirit." ([1 Thes. 1:6](#))
- 18. Perseverance** — "Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to run with perseverance the race marked out for them." ([Heb. 12:1](#))
- 19. Humility** — "God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward all." ([Titus 3:2](#))
- 20. Compassion** — "Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion." ([Col. 3:12](#))
- 21. Responsibility** — "Grant that my children may learn responsibility, for each one should carry his own load." ([Gal. 6:5](#))
- 22. Contentment** — "Father, teach my children the secret of being content in any and every situation, through Him who gives them strength." ([Phil. 4:12-13](#))
- 23. Faith** — "I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children's hearts, that by faith they may gain what has been promised to them." ([Luke 17:5-6](#); [Heb. 11:1-40](#))
- 24. A Servant's Heart** — "God, please help my children develop servant's hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men." ([Eph. 6:7](#))
- 25. Hope**— "May the God of hope grant that my children may overflow with hope and hopefulness by the power of the Holy Spirit." ([Rom. 15:13](#))
- 26. Willingness and Ability to Work** — "Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work at it with all their heart, as working for the Lord and not for men." ([Col. 3:23](#))
- 27. Passion for God** — "Lord, please instill in my children a soul that 'followeth hard after thee,' one that clings passionately to You." ([Ps. 63:8](#))
- 28. Self-Discipline** — "Father, I pray that my children may acquire a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair." ([Prov. 1:3](#))
- 29. Prayerfulness** — "Grant, Lord, that my children's lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that they may learn to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers." ([1 Thess. 5:17](#))
- 30. Gratitude** — "Help my children to live lives that are always overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." ([Eph. 5:20](#); [Col. 2:7](#))
- 31. A Heart for Missions** — "Lord, please help my children to develop a desire to see Your glory declared among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among the peoples." ([Psalm 96:3](#))

