

31 Biblical Virtues from the Proverbs to Pray for your Children

1. **Self-discipline.** “Lord, I pray that my children will acquire a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair.” Proverbs 1:3
2. **Wisdom.** “Lord, may wisdom enter the hearts of my children and knowledge be pleasant to their souls.” Proverbs 2:10
3. **Faithfulness.** “God, let love and faithfulness never leave my children, but bind them around their necks, write them on the tablets of their hearts.” Proverbs 3:3
4. **Obedience.** “Father, may my children lay hold of your words with all their heart, keeping your commands that they may live.” Proverbs 4:4
5. **Discretion.** “Grant, Lord, that my children may maintain discretion and their lips may preserve knowledge.” Proverbs 5:2
6. **Industrious.** “Father, may my children not be sluggish but industrious, considering the ways of the ant.” Proverbs 6:6
7. **Purity.** “Lord, may my children never be led astray and seduced by the persuasive words of the ungodly.” Proverbs 7:21
8. **Hatred of evil.** “Lord, grant that my children may fear you and hate evil, becoming people who hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.” Proverbs 8:13
9. **Fear of the Lord.** “God, may my children realize that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10
10. **Integrity.** “Lord, help me to teach my children that the man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.” Proverbs 10:9
11. **Humility.** “Father, may my children know that when pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.” Proverbs 11:2
12. **Truthful.** “Father, teach my children that truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.” Proverbs 12:19
13. **Heed correction.** “Lord, may my children not ignore discipline and come to poverty and shame, but heed correction and be honored.” Proverbs 13:18
14. **Hard work.** “Lord, may my children be characterized by hard work that brings profit and not engage in mere talk that leads only to poverty” Proverbs 14:23
15. **Healing tongue.** “Grant, Father, that my children may have tongues that bring healing and never deceitful tongues that crush the spirit.” Proverbs 15:4
16. **Patience.** “God, may my children understand that a patient man is better than a warrior and a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.” Proverbs 16:32
17. **Cheerful heart.** “Lord, grant that my children will have the good medicine of cheerful hearts and not allow crushed spirits to dry up the bones.” Proverbs 17:22
18. **Friendly.** “Lord, may my children not be like the unfriendly man who pursues selfish ends and defies all sound judgment, but be a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Proverbs 18:1, 24
19. **Teachable spirit.** “Father, may my children listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end be wise.” Proverbs 19:20
20. **Sober.** “Grant, Lord, that my children will know that wine is a mocker and beer a brawler and that whoever is led astray by them is not wise.” Proverbs 20:1
21. **Righteousness.** “Lord, may my children pursue righteousness and love resulting in life, prosperity and honor.” Proverbs 21:21
22. **Generosity.** “May my children, Lord, be generous, sharing their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9
23. **Zeal for God.** “God, grant that my children will not envy sinners but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord.” Proverbs 23:17
24. **Honesty.** “Father, help me to teach my children that an honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.” Proverbs 24:26
25. **Trustworthy.** “God, grant that my children be trustworthy, refreshing the spirit of their masters.” Proverbs 25:13
26. **Peacemaker.** “God, may my children be peacemakers as they learn that without wood a fire goes out and without gossip a quarrel dies down.” Proverbs 26:20
27. **Prudence.** “Lord, may my children know that the prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.” Proverbs 27:12
28. **Boldness.** “Father, grant that my children will understand that the wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.” Proverbs 28:1
29. **Gentle spirit.** “God, may my children not harbor anger which stirs up dissension nor be hot-tempered people who commit many sins.” Proverbs 29:22
30. **Contentment.** “Grant, Lord, that my children will be contented with the portion you give, their daily bread, and keep right priorities.” Proverbs 30:8
31. **Diligence.** “Father, may my children set about their work vigorously and their arms be strong for the tasks you give them to do.” Proverbs 31:17