



## The Ultimate Homeland Security: Praying Fathers Seven Prayers to Protect Your Children from Spiritual Terrorism • Part 1

Lesson One

Our families are constantly under attack by the greatest terrorist network the world has ever seen—the *ultimate axis of evil*:

The World is the enemy *around* us!

The Flesh is the enemy *within* us!

The Devil is the enemy *above* us!

Our greatest weapons are the **WORD** of God and **PRAYER** in the Spirit in **COMMUNITY** with the Local Church!

*Ephesians 6:17-18; James 5:16-18*

*“The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.”  
James 5:16 CSB*

### Three Prayers to Protect Your Children from Spiritual Terrorism

#### 1. Like Cornelius Pray for Their Genuine **SALVATION**.

*...that they would receive all that the Father has for them in His Son!*

##### Cornelius Was a Praying Father - Acts 10:1-8

- 10:1-6** God **graciously responds** to Cornelius' God-fearing prayers by sending an **angelic messenger** to send for Peter!
- 10:7-8** Cornelius **obediently responds** to more light he is given and sends his servants to **fetch** Peter.
- 10:9-23** God prepares Peter to go and when the servants come to fetch him, he **goes** to Cornelius' house.
- 10:24-33** Cornelius **explains why** he sent for Peter. **This is all God's doing but he uses means: HUMAN MESSENGERS!**
- 10:34-48** Peter **opens his mouth** to **preach the gospel**, Gentiles hear, believe, receive the Spirit, are baptized, and discipleship begins!

1. Cornelius was a *leader of men* but led with **COMPASSION**.
2. Cornelius was a *man with power* but depended on **PRAYER**.
3. Cornelius was a *sinner with light* but needed **GOSPEL** light to be saved.

##### Cornelius on Praying for Our Children (and Grandchildren)

1. Pray that God would **PREPARE** their heart to hear and receive the gospel wholeheartedly.
2. Pray that God would **OPEN** their heart to receive the Gospel when they hear it.

- He **positively responds** to the angelic vision with the words: **“What is it, LORD?”** (v. 4)
- He **immediately obeyed** the angelic message. (vv. 7-8, 33)
- He **eagerly waits** for Peter's arrival and gathers his family and friends. (v. 24)
- He **fell down** before Peter and worships him. (v. 25)
- He had been **praying and fasting** prior to the vision. (v. 30)
- He is **eager to hear and obey all** that God says and Peter preaches. (v. 33)
- He **believes** what he hears and receives Christ as Savior and Lord. (v. 44)
- He **follows** the Lord in believer's baptism. (v. 48)
- He **continues** with a faith that obeys in discipleship, (v. 48)

*“Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. she was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.” Acts 16:14*

3. Pray that God would **BRING** the right people to share the gospel with them.
4. Pray that God would **SEAL** the seed in the good soil of their heart to bear fruit that remains to the end.

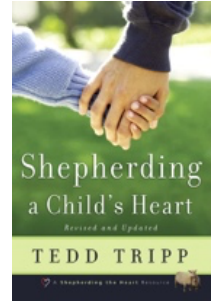
## 2. Like David Pray for **LOYAL** Hearts.

*...that God the Father would give them teachable and undivided hearts in following the Lord Jesus Christ!*

**David Was a Praying Father - 1 Chronicles 29:10-20**

**David on Praying for Our Children (and Grandchildren)**

1. Pray that God would give our children **OBEDIENT** hearts *when they are younger*.
2. Pray that God would give our children **TEACHABLE** hearts *when they are older*.
3. Pray that God would give them **LOYAL** hearts until the day they die.



## 3. Like Job Pray for Their Internal **PURITY**.

*...that the blood of Jesus would forgive, cleanse, and protect them just as they seek to forgive and protect others!*

**Job Was a Praying Father – Job 1:1-5**

Pray for purity of **heart – mind – eyes** (social media) – **mouth – body**.

**Job on Praying for Our Children (and Grandchildren)**

1. Pray that our children will **TREAT** their purity as a precious gift from God.
2. Pray that our children will **PROTECT** the purity of others.
3. Pray that our children will **RUN** to the Father for forgiveness and cleansing when they sin!
4. Pray that our children will learn to **FORGIVE** others, just as God the Father has forgiven them in Christ.

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You’ll never regret a single moment spent in prayer for your children. Make it a habit to pray and to repent of prayerlessness when needed, remembering Jesus Christ always lives to make intercession for us at the right hand of the Father!

*“Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”* Hebrews 7:25

*“For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;”* Hebrews 9:24