



## The Ultimate Homeland Security: Praying Fathers Seven Prayers to Protect Your Children from Spiritual Terrorism • Part 2

Lesson Two

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

**1. Like Cornelius Pray for Their GENUINE Salvation.**

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

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

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

**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!*

**4. Like Abraham Pray for Their Future SPOUSE.**

*...that the Spirit of God would lead them to make a wise choice and prepare their spouse to do the same!*

**Abraham Was a Praying Father – Genesis 24:1-12**

Does God always answer this prayer?

Will God’s answer always be exactly what you prayed for?

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

1. Pray that our children will **BE** the right kind of person.
2. Pray that our children will be **PATIENT** and wait for God to show them His best for their lives.
3. Pray that our children will be active in pursuing God’s **PURPOSE** for their lives more than a potential spouse!
4. Pray for our children’s **POTENTIAL** spouses.

**5. Like John Pray for Their Spiritual PRIORITIES and PROSPERITY.**

*...that God the Father would prosper them physically and materially just as they prosper spiritually with His local church!*

**John the Apostle Was a Praying Father – 3 John 1-4**

1. Godly dads make spiritual **GROWTH** their greatest priority in life (but not the only one).
2. Godly adult children bring great spiritual **JOY** to a dad’s heart.

What do we do with parenting guilt?

### **John on Praying for Our Children (and Grandchildren)**

1. Pray that our children will never **SACRIFICE** spiritual growth for physical or material prosperity!
2. Pray that our children will never **SUBSTITUTE** physical or material prosperity for spiritual growth!

## **6. Like Jacob Pray for Their Future CHILDREN.**

*...that God would bless you with a godly legacy!*

### **Jacob Was a Praying Father – Genesis 48:15-16**

#### **Jacob on Praying for Our Children (and Grandchildren)**

*Children's children are the crown of old men, and the glory of children is their father." Proverbs 17:6*

## **7. Like Solomon Pray for OURSELVES.**

*...that God the Father would give you wisdom from above to be right with Him and others, so your prayers are heard and you "put feet" to them!*

### **Solomon Was a Praying Father – 1 Kings 3:7-14**

1. Praying fathers lead **HUMBLY**, knowing they don't have all the answers.
2. Praying fathers lead **SACRIFICIALLY**, putting those under them before themselves.

*Philippians 2:5-11; cf. Paul (4:17-18); Timothy (4:19-24); and Epaphroditus (4:25-30)*

#### **Solomon on Praying for Ourselves as Fathers**

1. Pray with **HUMILITY** to receive more grace: *God's power!* (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5)
2. Pray for **WISDOM** from above: *God's perspective!* (James 1:5-8)
3. Pray as a **RIGHTEOUS** man: *God's provision!* (James 5:16-18; Psalm 66:18; 1 Peter 3:7)

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### **How to Be "Made Right" to "Stay Right" with God and Others, So Your Prayers Will Be Powerful and Effective:**

- Come to Christ for salvation today!
- Trust Christ to work in your children through your prayers. James 1:5-8; 4:2-3
- Make things right with your spouse, so your prayers will not be hindered.
- Get right with others by asking and giving forgiveness, so God can work in you to work through you for your family.

### **Pray for dads to be wise warriors who pray for their children and then put feet to their prayers!**

*"...Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons— but they are helpless against our prayers." – Sidlow Baxter*