

INTRODUCTION

In 1959 the United Nations adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child which defines 5 key rights to a child: Protection, Education, Health Care, Shelter & Good Nutrition

Our prayer is this 10 day devotional and prayer resource would be printed and sent home with Corps children and families so that they could continue to Dream Big and concentrate their prayer on these 5 topics. Encourage young people and families to use this resource to continue praying and having family devotional times. We would love to have this Sunday-focus launch a continued prayer focus on children and youth.

Because we believe and claim:

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!

Glory down all the generations!

Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

Ephesians 3:20-21 The Message (MSG)

DAY ONE

PROTECTION

Matthew 8:23-27 tells us that when the disciples were caught in the middle of a scary storm while out at sea they were very afraid. There are times in our life when we are in situations we cannot control, and we may be afraid too. Remember, not only did Jesus calm the storm the disciples were in, but He was right there with them. Jesus does the very same thing for you and me – He is right there with us.

Dear Lord, help me to remember that you are always with me, protecting me in ways I can't always see. Thank you for being by my side.

DAY TWO

EDUCATION

Proverbs 16:16 "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!" Everyone likes having new clothes, cool toys, and even the newest shoes. But something that is priceless is the knowledge that the Lord can give us. In Proverbs, the author talks about how wisdom and insight are far better than silver or even gold! Clothes can go out of style. Toys can break. Shoes can be worn out. But the wisdom and insight that the Lord gives us is never going to break or go out of style! It will be there to help and guide us each day.

Dear Lord, I pray that as I go through each day, you continue to remind me that the things that you teach us are more important than anything else I could want. Thank you for continuing to teach me new things every day. Help me be more like you. Amen.

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DAY THREE

SHELTER

Psalms 62:2 "Truly He is my rock and my salvation. He is my fortress, I will never be shaken." Take a moment and think about what that means. Rocks are super strong, right? Fortresses are the safest place you could be, right? Now if God is your rock and God is your fortress then there is no way you can be shaken or brought down. No matter what comes your way, remember who your safe place is, Jesus, the ultimate shelter and fortress. Don't be shy; go to Jesus with whatever is on your heart and know that He will keep you safe.

Dear Jesus, help me to remember that you are the safest place to go to when I am afraid. You care about all things that trouble me and that I can go to you anytime. I want to remember that you are the strongest fortress that keeps me safe from harm. Amen.

DAY FOUR

HEALTH CARE

How strong is your faith? In Matthew 9:20 there was a woman who had been bleeding for years, an outcast in society. The woman knew that Jesus was coming and that if she could just touch the bottom of his robe she would be healed. Do you believe the Lord can do a miracle in your life?

Dear Jesus, help me to have faith so strong that I know deep in my heart that you can do ANYTHING! Amen.

DAY FIVE

GOOD NUTRITION

Have you ever felt like you did not have what you needed. Just like all the 5000 people listening to Jesus teach on the mountain, they too were in need and that need was food. Not only did Jesus provide them with food, but he provided them with enough to fill them. Just like the people on the mountain in Matthew 14:13-21, when you trust the Lord, He will provide you with more than enough.

Lord, help me to remember that you are all that I need. Help me to trust that you will take care of all my needs. Amen.

DAY SIX

PROTECTION

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Jesus is constantly telling his people not to be afraid. Like us, the people in Jesus' time were often in situations that scared them. Jesus tells us once again to not be afraid! With him by our side, we can be strong and courageous! He will always be with us, and He will always protect us. All we must do is believe in Him, and He will keep us safe.

Dear Lord, thank you for always being with me in times where I may need protection. Thank you for showing me that I can be strong no matter what I am going through. I pray that you continue to be with me as I go through each day, and I pray that you continue to remind me that I am loved by you.

DAY SEVEN

EDUCATION

1 Timothy 4:12 International Children's Bible (ICB) Says You are young, but do not let anyone treat you as if you were not important. Be an example to show the believers how they should live. Show them with your words, with the way you live, with your love, with your faith, and with your pure life. Remember that even though you are young, you are very important and can make a big difference in the world around you.

Lord help me to be an example in how I treat others. Help me to remember how important I am. Help me to not look down on anyone else because they are young but remind them how important they are. Amen.

DAY EIGHT

SHELTER

Psalm 91:4 "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." When things get scary, most people like to go to a place where they feel safe. Some people like to be with family, others like to be with their friends, and some like to simply be alone. Regardless of where exactly it is, simply feeling safe and secure is something that we all like! Psalm 91 talks about how the Lord will cover you with His feathers and provide safety and protection. Whenever you are feeling upset, frustrated, low, or even just in need of some comfort, go to Jesus. He will protect you and give you shelter wherever you are!

Dear Lord, thank you for always being by my side and protecting me when I'm sad or scared. I pray that you continue to make me feel safe and loved. Thank you for always being so faithful and loving towards me. Be with me as I go through each day and help me to be more like you. Amen.

DAY NINE

HEALTH CARE

In Luke 5:17-39 there was a paralyzed man who had such good friends that they helped him do something that he could have never done on his own. They lowered him through a hole in the roof so he could be healed by Jesus. Some time in our life we need to be friends like that. There are people that need us to show them where Jesus is so they too can be healed. Who in your life can you tell about Jesus?

Dear God, help me to be a good friend and have the courage to share Jesus with my friends. Amen.

DAY TEN

GOOD NUTRITION

Take a moment. Think of your favorite fruit. How does it make you feel? In your tummy and in your heart? That's exactly what it feels like when you carry the fruit of the spirit talked about in Galatians 5:22-23. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Just like how biting into your favorite juicy fruit makes you feel good and healthy, when you have the fruit of the spirit that fruit will be obvious to everyone you meet.

Dear Jesus, help me to display the fruit of the spirit so that I can be a healthy witness to everyone around me. Amen.