

CHILDREN AND PRAYER

Biblical Background

Matthew 6:5-15

1. Why can we call God, 'father'? (Romans 8:15-16)
2. What does the prayer Jesus teaches show us about what our priorities should be? (Ephesians 1:15-23)
3. What does it show us about our needs?
4. What does it tell us about how we should respond to God's grace?

Notes:

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What should we be praying for our children?

How do we pray with our children? Practical Prayer

Points to consider:

1. Much praying is not done because we do not plan to pray.
We do not drift into spiritual life; we do not drift into disciplined prayer. We will not grow in prayer unless we plan to pray. That means we must self-consciously set aside time to do nothing but pray. This helps towards developing a prayerful mindset – eventually it will become 2nd nature.
2. Adopt practical ways to stop yourself from mentally drifting. Inspire your prayers...
3. Develop a system for your prayer lists.
Prayer book, journal, email 'God', post-it notes near every-day objects...
4. Mingle thanks, confession, and intercession; but when you intercede, try to tie as many requests as possible to Scripture.

List practical ways in which you will commit yourself to pray for and with children during the next six months:

Lord's prayer with actions to finish