

Life Notes *Family Matters with Pastor Cory*

8. How I Pray For My Kids

INTRODUCTION

One of the greatest treasures in all the world is that God hears us when we pray. With that great blessing comes great responsibility! And that responsibility is to...pray! ☺ Today, I'd like to specifically discuss ways to pray over our children.

If we aren't careful, prayer can become monotonous. To avoid that, I often change things up a bit. Here's how: I've memorized a few different scriptures that guide me as I pray for my kids. This way my prayers take on a different feel from time to time. This method really helps keep things fresh. So today may seem like a shotgun approach, but I want to give you a little variety.

ON EVERY LEVEL

A few years ago, I began praying for the Lord to cause my children to be whole in every level of their lives.

Physically

"Please watch over my babies today. Keep them from physical harm and sickness. Commission your angels to watch over them."

Emotionally

"Please cover Autumn's emotions. Help her to know who she is in Christ and not give in to insecure mindsets. Remind her to guard her heart for her future husband. Send her friends who will be sources of encouragement."

Mentally

"Please keep Easton from deception, especially with false teachings and opinions at school. Help him to develop mentally so he can fulfill Your purpose in his generation, just like David."

Spiritually

"Please help Ella to grasp her need of salvation early on. Give her a revelation of Your great love. Help my sweet girl to mature at a young age in the Lord and have a positive impact on others."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

My personal prayer life is given structure by the Lord's Prayer found in Matthew 6. I often insert the names of my kids into this prayer and expound a bit.

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, in Autumn's life as it is in Heaven. Help my baby to hear Your voice and walk in obedience. May everything you have for her come to fulfillment."

"And lead Easton not into temptation, but deliver him from the evil one. Father, help my buddy to be strong in the Lord. Help him not to be deceived by the enemy. Help me instill Godly convictions into him. I pray his life will be so pure that it will draw others to Jesus."

"Give Ella her daily bread. Lord, please provide every need that she may have today, even the needs we don't know about."

THE PRIESTLY BLESSING

Another prayer I use is based out of Numbers 6. This is how God instructed Aaron to bless the children of Israel. I love to lay hands on their heads and bless them. It expresses my love for my kids to God and to them.

"Lord, I ask You to bless Ella and keep her. Cause Your face and Your favor to shine on her. Do this in an increased measure."

CLOSE

Praying the Word of God over the lives of our children is a powerful thing! Remember, not one prayer goes unnoticed in Heaven. And as Pastor always says, "Some things happen when we pray that does not happen if we don't pray." Change it up as often as needed to keep prayer fresh for your kids! It not only affects their lives, but the lives of generations to come.