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# PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN

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Real Hope for Your Home:  
Practical Applications*

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## Key Idea

Among the things we should pray for our children is to grow in their identity in Christ. Regularly praying some of the identity statements provided below (A-Z Identity in Christ is at the bottom of this document, or the more complete list is provided on pages 56 through 61 in *Real Hope for Your Home*) is a great way to help focus your prayers for your children so that they grow in Christ.

## Concerns to Pray About:

### Salvation

- Romans 9:23 - “in order to make known the riches of his glory for *vessels of mercy*, which he has prepared beforehand for glory.”
- Ephesians 1:3-10. – (Simply insert the child’s name in the blanks as you pray for these things to become true about him/her!)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose \_\_\_\_\_ in him before the foundation of the world, that \_\_\_\_\_ should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined \_\_\_\_\_ for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed \_\_\_\_\_ in the Beloved. In him \_\_\_\_\_ has redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_ trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon \_\_\_\_\_, in all wisdom and insight making known to \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.”

### Assurance of Salvation

- John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that *whoever believes* in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
  - Romans 8:17 – “and if children, then heirs—*heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ*, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”
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## Identity

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a *new creation*. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
- Galatians 2:20 – “*I have been crucified with Christ*. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

## Protection from physical, spiritual, and emotional harm

- Psalm 17:8 – “Keep me as *the apple of your eye*; hide me in the shadow of your wings,”
- 1 John 5:18 – “We know that everyone who has been *born of God* does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.”

## Friends

- Zephaniah 3:17 – “The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; *he will rejoice over you* with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”
- Galatians 4:7 – “So you are *no longer a slave, but a son*, and if a son, then an heir through God.”

## Sexual Purity

- Romans 6:11 – “So you also must *consider yourselves dead to sin* and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”
- 1 Corinthians 6:19 – “Or do you not know that *your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit* within you, whom you have from God? *You are not your own*.”

## Education

- Philippians 4:19 – “And my *God will supply every need* of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ.”
  - 2 Timothy 3:16 – “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, *equipped for every good work*.”
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## Calling/Purpose

- 2 Corinthians 5:20 – “Therefore, we are *ambassadors for Christ*, God making his appeal through us.”
- 1 Peter 4:10 – “As each has received a gift, use it to *serve* one another, as good *stewards* of God's varied grace.”

## Spouse

- 2 Corinthians 6:14 - *Do not be yoked together with unbelievers*. For what do *righteousness* and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?
  - Ephesians 1:4 – “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be *holy* and *blameless* in his sight.”
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## A-Z IDENTITY IN CHRIST

### AADOPTED

*God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. (Eph. 1:5 NLT)*

- How are you living like an orphan?
- In what ways might knowing you are adopted—by God—change the way you live?

### BLESSED WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. —Eph. 1:3*

- Why do you think Paul says that we are blessed with every spiritual blessing?
- In what ways does being blessed with every spiritual blessing help us follow Christ?

### C CONDEMNATION (NO)

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. — Rom. 8:1*

- How do feelings of condemnation affect you?
- What three words would you choose to describe how it feels to no longer be condemned?

### D DEAD TO SIN

*How can we who died to sin still live in it? — Rom. 6:2*

- Since we all experience temptation, what do you think it means that we are dead to sin?
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- In what specific areas of struggle do you need to exercise this powerful truth?

## ESTABLISHED

*And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. – 2 Cor. 1:21-22*

- This verse uses “anointed”, “seal[ed]”, and “guarantee[d]” to modify our identity as “established.” How do each one of those words encourage you?
- Why is being established important when we face challenges?

## FREE

*For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death. –Rom. 8:2*

- What is an area in your life where you are in bondage?
- What has set you free? How do you sometimes try instead to free yourself instead of receiving the freedom you have already been given?

## GODLY

*The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials – 2 Peter 2:9*

- What sort of blessing does this verse say we can expect?
- How does this verse help you think differently about how God sees you when you are facing trials?

## HIDDEN IN CHRIST

*For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. – Col. 3:3*

- What does being hidden in Christ say about your value to God?
  - How does being hidden in Christ provide confidence as you face trials?
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## INDWELT

*By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. – 2 Tim. 1:14*

- What does the Holy Spirit's presence inside you say about God's love for you?
- List three benefits of the Holy Spirit's dwelling inside you... when you are facing distress?

## JUSTIFIED

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. – Rom. 5:1*

- In what ways might you be trying to justify yourself instead of resting in God's justifying grace by faith?
- How does being justified of every sin; past, present, and future help you deal with your ongoing battle with sin?

## KNOWN

*"Oh Lord, you have searched me and known me." – Psalm 139:1*

- What benefits do we experience because God knows us?
  - How does this truth give you confidence as you navigate the challenges of life, especially when you are misunderstood by others?
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## LOVED

*“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.” – Rom. 8:38-39*

- What does God want you to know about his love for you?
- How does knowing this degree of love help you live for him each day?

## MEMBER OF CHRIST'S BODY

*“Now you are Christ's body and individually members of it.” – 1 Cor. 12:27*

- In what specific ways does being a member of the body of Christ matter to you?
- What happens to body parts that stop being part of the body?

## NEAR

*“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” – Eph. 2:13*

- List three ways that being near to God helps you?
- How does this verse comfort you in those seasons when you feel like others or even God has given up on you?

## OVERCOMER

*Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

*– 1 John 5:5*

- What is the struggle in your life right now that you just can't seem to overcome?
  - How is belief in the Son of God the key to overcoming?
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## PROTECTED

*“But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.” – 2 Thess. 3:3*

- If the Lord protects you, then who can defeat you?
- What qualities might be true of the way you live because the Lord protects you?

## QUALIFIED

*“Giving thanks to the father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.” – Col. 1:12*

- What are the differences between the qualification spoken of here and your being qualified for a car loan or a mortgage?
- How does this verse help you when you feel inhibited to serve alongside other Christians who seem to have more together than you?

## RIGHTEOUS

*“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” – 2 Cor. 5:21*

- How righteous do you feel right most of the time?
  - In what ways should knowing you are righteous help you live each day?
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## SOJOURNER

*“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh which wage war against your soul.” – 1 Pet. 2:11*

- A sojourner is someone who is just passing through. As Christians, we are just passing through this world. As you evaluate your attitude toward wealth and success, is your attitude more of a sojourner or a squatter: someone whose life is tied to this world?
- How does a sojourner’s mindset help you with the temptation to always compare what you have with others?

## TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*  
– 1 Cor. 6:19

- Why would God want you to think of yourself as a place where he lives?
- What benefits can come from God living inside of you?

## UNTOUCHABLE

*“We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.” – 1 John 5:18*

- Satan can do many things, but he can never take Christ away from you, nor you from Christ. How does that help you when you are in a bad situation that might even have you questioning God?
  - As you think about past struggles with sin, how can you see God mercifully restraining Satan on your behalf?
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## VICTORIOUS

*"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." – Rom. 8:37*

- Think of the sin(s) that you struggle with the most. How does this verse give you hope?
- How would you minister this verse to someone you know who is struggling?

## WITNESS

*"You will be my witnesses." – Acts 1:8*

- Why do you think God calls us "witnesses" as opposed to policeman or judges?
- In what ways do we witness? Is it only telling someone that they are sinners who need to know Jesus?

## XENIAL (Surprise! Scrabble helped with this one.)

*"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds." – Matt. 11:19*

- Jesus was hospitable (xenial) to sinners. Hospitality is a wonderful way to show unbelievers the love of Christ. Name five people you know who do not know Jesus.
  - What are ways that you can be more hospitable to these five people?
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## YOKED

*“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” – Matt. 11:29-30*

- Being a Christian is hard and requires sacrifice. In what sense does Jesus mean our yoke is easy?
- What are the things you do make our yoke harder?

## ZEALOUS

*I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. – Acts 22:3*

- Can you identify with Paul's zeal for God? What are three things you zealous about?
  - Of the three things you just wrote down, where does zeal for God rank? How do the identity statements on this A to Z list help move zeal for God to the top of the list?
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