

Praying with your children

One thing I have always enjoyed is hearing children pray. To play an active part in the prayer life of your child is such a blessing and privilege. Prayer for children is a big topic in today's society. So many parents feel inadequate when it comes to teaching their children how to pray, and many don't always have the time to follow through and pray with them every day.

Teaching a child to pray requires very little preparation time. Talk with your child about their day and the good and bad things that have happened. Find out if they want to ask Jesus anything special, if they know of someone sick or hurt. Talk about family members who you can also pray for. Then all you need to do is teach them how to kneel in reverence and begin praying. Make it comfortable for them, put down pillows so it's soft. That way it won't be something they don't want to do.

Let them pray as much as you can, encouraging them as they pray if necessary. Ask them if they want you to pray after they have, if they want you to, always make sure your prayer is just like theirs, easy to understand and not too long. Make sure if you pray that you speak slowly and quietly. Teach them that talking to Jesus is just like talking to Mum or Dad. Make it a special time of the day just before bed, and try to alternate between parents each night when praying.

Help them remember to always thank Jesus, understanding that Jesus does so much for them, and thanking Him is such a big part of prayer. When you put a solid foundation in your child's prayer life it can last for all eternity Children see prayer as easy, they love to do it, they find it easy to just talk to Jesus and we should all follow in their footsteps.

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Scripture reveals the Father's will for His children and provides guidelines to help parents pray for our sons and daughters.

Parents should pray:

- 1 That our children will be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. (see 1 Timothy 2:3-4)
- 2 That Jesus Christ be formed in our children. (see Galatians 4:19)
- 3 That our children - the seed of the righteous - will be delivered from the evil one. (see Proverbs 11:21 KJV; Matthew 6:13)
- 4 That our children will be taught of the Lord and that their peace will be great. (see Isaiah 54:13)
- 5 That our children will train themselves to discern good from evil and have a good conscience toward God. (see Hebrews 5:14; 1 Peter 3:21)

TRUE MOTIVE IN SERVICE

“Be not therefore anxious for the morrow... sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” Matthew 6:34

“If you have given yourself to God, to do His work, you have no need to be anxious for tomorrow. He whose servant you are, knows the end from the beginning. The events of tomorrow, which are hidden from your view, are open to the eyes of Him who is omnipotent.

When we take into our hands the management of things with which we have to do, and depend upon our own wisdom for success, we are taking a burden which God has not given us, and are trying to bear it without His aid. We are taking upon ourselves the responsibility that belongs to God. And thus are really putting ourselves in His place. We may well have anxiety and anticipate danger and loss, for it is certain to befall us. But when we really believe that God loves us and means to do us good we shall cease to worry about the future. We shall trust God as a child trusts a loving parent. Then our troubles and torments will disappear, for our will is swallowed up in the will of God.” Taken from: Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing, pages 100-101, EG White



Together



Harmony

GOD LONGS TO COMFORT YOU

Does God ever seem too far away, too fearsome, too holy? How can this kind of God be a comfort to you? You know in your mind that God can be trusted, yet your heart resists. Jesus knows your fears and doubts. He came to this earth to show you the Father (John 14:9-10 and Hebrews 1:3). He came so you could know him and know the Father's heart – a heart of love, gentleness, and compassion (Psalm 103:8). When you know Jesus, you also know the Father (John 14:7).

Are you walking a difficult path right now? God is longing to comfort you. He has a plan for you that includes building you up so that you may help others in their times of need.

Find a quiet place where you will not be interrupted and speak with Jesus. Allow this to be a time of slow, thoughtful meditation. You may want to picture in your mind taking the pain in your heart and actually handing it to Jesus. His arms are always open, ready to take your pain and offer you comfort.



“My whole life has been a process of understanding what grace means. It took me a long time to realize I don't have to be perfect for God to love me.” Elisa Morse Hogan

Growing closer to God

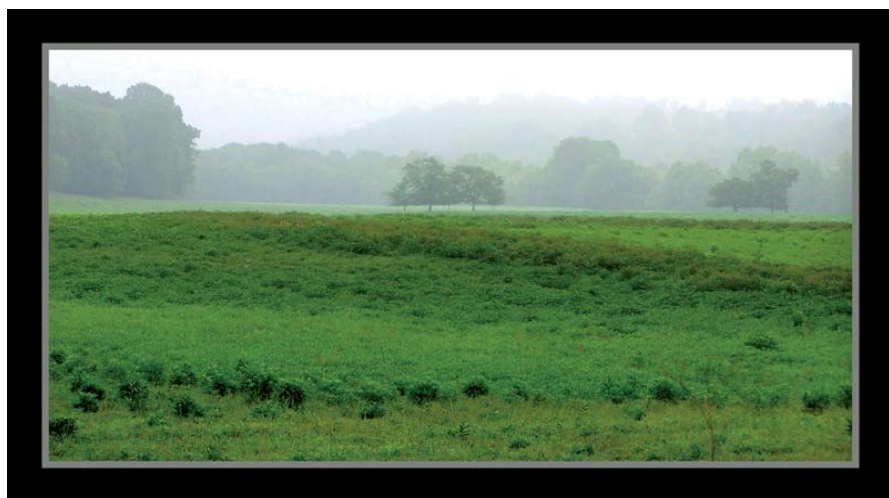
When is the last time you've made time for a "time out"? If you're scratching your head because you can't remember, it's time! Make a plan today for a "Sabbath" (special time) within the next 2 weeks. If you can't spend a whole day, set aside an hour or two, just for you – to rest, to do something you've always wanted to do, and to enjoy God and his creation. And do yourself a favour: Don't feel guilty while you're resting!

"You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am. You both precede and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head." Psalm 139:3, 5



Love

"God knows me better than anyone because he knows my inner thoughts. He already knows what I'm thinking – and he loves me anyway!" Marilyn McCoo



COMFORT

You, LORD, are my shepherd.

I will never be in need.

You let me rest in fields
of green grass.

You lead me to streams
of peaceful water,
and you refresh my life.

You are true to your name,
and you lead me
along the right paths.

I may walk through valleys
as dark as death,
but I won't be afraid.

You are with me,
and your shepherd's rod
makes me feel safe.

You treat me to a feast,
while my enemies watch.
You honour me as your guest,
and you fill my cup
until it overflows.

Your kindness and love
will always be with me
each day of my life,
and I will live forever
in your house, LORD.

*“If we work upon marble, it will perish;
 if we work upon brass, time will efface it;
 if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust;
 but if we work upon immortal minds and
 instil into them just principles,
 we are then engraving that upon tablets which
 no time will efface,
 but will brighten and brighten to all eternity.”*

Daniel Webster



*Anyone can give up; it's the
 easiest thing in the world to do.
 But to hold it together when
 everyone else would under-
 stand if you fell apart, that's
 true strength*
Anon

‘Call to me and I will answer you.
 I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous
 things that you could never figure out
 on your own.’



*In the morning, O LORD, you
 hear my voice;
 in the morning I lay my
 requests before you
 and wait in expectation.*



Prayer Calendar

August	28	Abuse Awareness Day – SDA
September	5-12	Week of Prayer - SDA
	5	Father's Day
	5-11	National Child Protection Weeks
	8	World Literacy Day UN
	13	FAS Day- 9.09 am (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome)
	10	World Suicide Day
October	2	International Day of Non-Violence
	10	World Mental Health Day
	15	World Rural Women's Day
	17	World Poverty Day
	25	Pink Ribbon Day