

# Praying For Our Children

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## Introduction:

## Weapons of Warfare:

### 1. **The Blood of Jesus.** 1 Peter 1:18-19; Col. 2:13-15; Rev. 12:11

The Blood of Jesus is THE most powerful thing on earth. When we apply the blood to our lives and the lives of our children, we appropriate what Jesus did on the cross; we declare to the spirit realm that it's hold and legal right is destroyed.

1 John 3:8 "that He might destroy the works of the devil".

"Destroy" (Greek word *luo*) is a legal word that means "to pronounce or determine that something or someone is no longer bound, that which was legally binding is no longer."

Therefore what was once legal is now removed and rendered illegal!!

We enforce the victory Jesus won on the cross for us.

When you put the blood of Jesus against the works of the enemy, you render his agenda null and void.

### 2. **The Name of Jesus.** Prov. 18:10 "Strong Tower"

John 14:13-14 – "Ask in My Name...I will do it".

"Name" represents all that comprises the character of the person. So when you pray in the Name of Jesus it's not just saying "Jesus" as a magic formula but it's declaring ALL He is – all-knowing, all-powerful, full of grace, merciful, protector, deliverer, healer, etc.

### 3. **The Word / The Truth.** John 8:32; Heb. 4:12

Isa. 51:16 - God's word in my mouth sets the captives free.

Declaring God's Word/Truth is like a sword coming out of your mouth. Not only does it destroy the works of the enemy but it also brings healing to the broken and wounded.

If the Bible is the words that God Himself has spoken, then we know there's power in declaring these truths. Speak them over your children, over your family, over your neighborhood, over your job. There's power in those spoken words! ***Always put a promise in every petition.***

### 4. **Praying in the Spirit.**

Rom. 8:26 – "the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses". There is a supernatural operation of the power of God that comes because we are broken in body, mind and spirit. "The Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

1 Cor. 14:15 – Paul says we are to do both – pray with the spirit and pray with our natural understanding; sing with the spirit and sing with our natural understanding.  
Eph. 6:18 (vv. 10-17 armor of God). “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.” Prayer is the battle – it’s not a weapon. We put the armor on to engage in the battle. When you put the armor on, you are putting on Jesus.

#### **5. Praise and Worship.**

2 Chron. 20:21-22 – the singers went out before the army in warfare.

Psa. 149:6-9 – the high praises in our mouth binds the kings with chains.

Acts 16:25-26 – Paul and Silas were in prison praying and singing hymns to God and suddenly there was an earthquake and all the doors were opened and the chains were loosed.

#### **6. Love.** 1 John 4:18 –There is no fear in love

John 15:9 – As the Father loves Jesus, so Jesus loves us, and the command is to “abide in His love”.

1 Corinthians 13 - put your own name in place of the word “love”. A powerful weapon as we war for our children.

#### **Scriptures and Declarations for our children:**

**Know that when you are contending against the plans of the enemy, the Lord is contending with you.** Isaiah 49:25 *But thus says the LORD: “Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible be delivered; for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children.”*

**Declaration:** When my children are caught in the snare of the enemy, they WILL be delivered for God is contending with my enemy on my behalf and will save my children!

**Pray that your children will have responsive hearts to what the Lord says.** Isaiah 54:13-14a *All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness you shall be established.*

**Declaration:** The hearts of my children are soft and open to receive instruction from the Lord, and they shall be grounded in righteousness.

**Pray according to God’s will and character and you have assurance He will answer.** Luke 11:9 *So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*

**Declaration:** As I pray for my children according to God’s will, character and purpose my prayers will be answered.

**Pray that your children will set their hope, trust and obedience in God.** Psalm 78:5-7 *For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, and keep His commandments.* (emphasis mine)

**Declaration:** My children set their hope in God, recall His goodness in their lives and choose to be obedient to His ways and commands.

**Pray for the “prodigal” to come home.** Jeremiah 31:16-17 *Thus says the LORD: “Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded, says the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. There is hope in your future, says the LORD, that your children shall come back to their own border.”*

**Declaration:** My son/daughter WILL come back from the land of the enemy for he/she recalls the truth they have been taught and will be established in that truth.

**Pray for the fear of the LORD to fill them.** Proverbs 16:6 *In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.*

**Declaration:** My children are filled with the fear of the Lord; they have an awe for Who He is and a hatred for evil just as God has.

**Pray for them to hunger and thirst for Jesus.** Matthew 5:6 *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.*

**Declaration:** My children have an insatiable hunger and thirst for the person of Jesus Christ and for His word. They long to spend time in His Presence.

**Pray that they will long to be in God’s presence and will pass that on their children.** Psalm 102:28 (NLT) *The children of your people will live in security. Their children’s children will thrive in your presence.*

**A Declaration of Faith** (taken from *The Complete Personalized Promise Bible for Women*): *All of my children shall dwell in the presence of the Lord. Even their descendants will be established before Him.*

**Pray that your sons and daughters will be strong and influential in the Lord.** Psalm 144:12-15 (The Message) *Make our sons in their prime like sturdy oak trees, Our daughters as shapely and bright as fields of wildflowers. Fill our barns with great harvest, fill our fields with huge flocks; Protect us from invasion and exile – eliminate the crime in our streets. How blessed the people who have all this! How blessed the people who have GOD for God!*

**A Declaration of Faith** (taken from *The Complete Personalized Promise Bible for Women*): *My sons are like plants tended by a master farmer. Their spiritual growth goes way beyond their years. My daughters are like pillars carved to adorn a place. They are like monuments beaming with the radiance of God's glory. My storage places are filled to the brim with every kind of provision. All of my produce increases continually by thousands and tens of thousands. My trucks bring in heavy loads filled with the bounty of my harvest. I am under God's blanket of covering and there can be no breaching of my walls. I shall never go into captivity or cry out in distress in the streets. My heavenly Father is the Lord of Hosts. Under His continual guidance and round-the-clock protection, I shall remain healthy, happy and prosperous all the days of my life.*

**Quote from unknown author:** *God says, "The enemy cannot have what is yours. And because you have given it to Me, he does not stand a chance!"*