

Prayer Petition:

God's Favor Upon Our Infants, Toddlers, and Early Childhood Aged Children

Scripture Reading:

I Chronicles 29:10-13, Psalm 127:3-5

Reflections of the Heart:

"Milestones – are significant events or stages in the life, progress, development, of a person." This season in your infant, toddler, or pre-school age youngster's life is full of milestones. Your child's first words, steps, and especially the first attempt at potty training are often recorded for posterity. This is also a time of self-awareness, independence, trial and error, and boo-boos. Remember, **Praying Parents are Powerful**, so remain calm and claim God's Word in your child's life during the season of firsts.

Scriptural Prayer:

Our Father In Heaven, we honor and bless Your Holy Name. We praise You for Your mighty acts and according to Your excellent greatness. We serve You with gladness as we come before Your presence knowing that You are the Lord our God. It is You who have made us and not we ourselves. We are Your people and the sheep of Your pasture. We come to You pouring out our hearts, lifting our hands praying for [name of child]. Father, we thank You for [name of child]. Thank You for providing and protecting [name of child]. We are thankful to You and we bless Your Name. You are good, Lord and Your mercy is everlasting. Your truth endures to all generations.

Heavenly Father, [name of child] is an inheritance and reward from You. We have joy, gladness and we rejoice because of [his/her] birth. [Name of child] is fearfully and wonderfully made. Lord, You have fashioned [his/her] days with a plan and purpose for [his/her] life. Your plans and purposes for [his/her] life are not for calamity and evil, but for a future and a hope. We decree and declare that we have the anointing of Hannah who prayed for a child, received him and named him Samuel, then gave him back to the Lord for life. Lord, we bring our children to You, and will not keep [him/her] from You; for such is the kingdom of God. Because You, Father, are the ultimate parent, we will train [name of child] in Your ways and when [he/she] is old [name of child] will not depart from Your ways. We confess that as [name of child] grows and develops, [he/she] will increase in wisdom and stature, as well as in favor with You and people. We declare that [name of child] will have the mind to honor and obey [his/her] parents and life will be well with [him/her]. We confess that [name of child] will be obedient and well-behaved so that [he/she] will live long on the earth. We confess that [name of child] will prosper and be in health even as [his/her] soul prospers.

Just like John the Baptist, we ask that You fill [name of child] with the Holy Spirit even from their mother's womb. We pray that [name of child] will experience the prayerful, godly and holy life of [his/her] parents and caretakers. Holy Spirit, help us, the parents and caretakers to be intentional in bringing [name of child] to Jesus as we teach [him/her] Your ways and commands. Father, help us as parents to model a life that is pleasing to You so that we can train [name of child] well. Please keep [name of child] as the apple of Your eye and hide [him/her] under the shadow of Your wings. Father, please provide the daily necessities that [he/she] needs. Please watch over [name of child] in pre-school, mother's day out, daycare and let Your favor surround [him/her] like a shield. Touch our government and our churches to provide the comprehensive social services that [name of child] needs.

Holy Spirit, show me how I can properly partner with You to improve my parenting skills and help my child release his/her kingdom building potential. [As He does this, record what the Holy Spirit shows you.]

Please forgive us if we have not always met the basic needs of [name of child]. Forgive us for not hugging them, and at times being too busy to interact and play with [him/her]. Forgive us for not always being godly role models for [name of child]. Forgive us for if we have not always received [him/her] as a gift from You. Forgive us for not trusting You and for being anxious when a knee is scraped, head is bumped, or when a fever is not yet broken. Lord, remind us of those we need to forgive; and we will be quick to forgive.

Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord, Your Name alone is exalted. Your glory is above the earth and the heaven. You are Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. We extol You, our God, O King and we bless Your Name forever and ever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 150:2, Psalm 100:2-5, Psalm 136:1, Psalm 127:3, Luke 1:14, Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 29:11, Luke 18:15-16, Proverbs 22:6, Luke 2:52, Ephesians 6:1-3, 3 John 2, Luke 1:15, Psalm 17:8, Psalm 5:12, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 148:13, Isaiah 9:6, 1 Samuel 1: 27-28

Today, I will trust God to:
