

**Prayer Topic #10:**  
**A Prayer of Joy in Parenting**

**Scripture Reading:**  
I Samuel 2:1-2, Deuteronomy 6:1-9

**Reflections of the Heart:**  
What a joy it is to be a parent! For children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him! *Psalm 127:3*

**Scriptural Prayer:**

Almighty Father, we thank You for the institution of marriage and parenthood. We thank You for fulfilling Your plans and purposes in our lives and for surrounding us with favor like a shield. We give thanks to You, Lord, and proclaim Your greatness. We will let the whole world know what You have done. For Your love remains forever with those who fear You. Your salvation extends to the children's children of those who are faithful to Your covenant, of those who obey Your commandments!

Father God, by faith, we declare that parents in the Body of Christ are joyful because they trust You with all of their hearts and not depend on their own understanding of parenthood. They will seek Your will in all that they do and we know that You will continue to show them which path to take concerning their children. Heavenly Father, we confess Your Word of truth over all Christian parents, that they will discipline, teach and train their children with love and patience just as You, Lord, discipline, teach and train those You love. As parents, we declare that our sons will flourish in their youth like well-nurtured plants and our daughters will be like graceful pillars, carved to beautify a palace.

Holy Spirit, please help those parents who are struggling in their relationships with their children to remain joyful and seek Godly Christian counseling to help them. Encourage them to live before their children in a way that mirrors God's Word so that children will not see their parents as hypocrites and turn away from the love of Christ. Help them to see their children as a gift and reward from the Lord. Holy Spirit, increase the patience and encouragement for our families to live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Jesus Christ.

***Holy Spirit, as a parent, I confess that I need Your help in the following areas:***

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Loving Father, please forgive our parents for sin, including bitterness, resentment, adultery, fornication, spousal abuse, child abuse, envy, strife, unkindness, rebellion, deception, doubt, fear, injustice, economic mismanagement, poor parenting and oppression. Holy Spirit, remind our parents to seek Your forgiveness when they respond in anger to the challenges they face with their children. Forgive those who inflict harm or cause their children to turn away from the teaching of Your Word. Father, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind our parents of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Worthy Father, help our parents to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Lord God, You have made the heavens Your throne; from there You rule over everything. We praise You with the angels, the mighty ones who carry out Your plans, listening for each of Your commands. Yes, we praise You, Lord, with the armies of angels who serve You and do Your will! We praise You, Lord God, for everything You have created, everything in all Your Kingdom. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Psalm 5:12, Psalm 105:1, Psalm 103:17-18, Proverbs 3:5-6, Hebrews 12:6, Psalm 144:12, Psalm 127:3, Romans 15:5, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 103:19-22,

***Today I will trust God to:***

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