



Prayer for Parents

Father, help me in my divine task of parenthood.

Help me to see my children's problems through their eyes.

Keep forever before me my own childhood so that I will not expect too much.

Give me the patience of the silent stars. Give me a sense of humor.

Father help me to win them through love instead of compelling them through fear.

Help me to teach them that every home is an altar and that every wish is a prayer.

Help me to live my own life above doubt and scepticism.

Help me radiate faith in the basic goodness in my own life.

Give me a strong hand for guidance when youth falters and would turn back.

Father help me to teach them to love bravely and to meet defeat courageously.

Help me to teach them that a mans real character is what he is, alone with himself in the dark.

Help me to teach them that the value of their lives will be measured by the service they give.

Help me to teach them that true happiness is found, not in things, but in the unfolding of their minds and their souls.

Help me to make my life go on in theirs, finer, nobler than I ever dared to be.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.