

6 Protection from irreversible mistakes

Lord, I know my children will make mistakes, but please save them from decisions that cannot be reversed and mistakes that cannot be corrected. Let them be among the righteous who may fall seven times but always rise again (Prov. 24:16).

7 Ability to study hard and learn well

God, teach my children to study hard and learn well in both their schoolwork and their study of Your Word (2 Tim. 2:15).

8 Healthy independence

As my children become more independent, in preparation for adulthood, let it always be a healthy independence, and never rebellion (Prov. 17:11).

9 Protection from unbiblical standards

Father, protect my children from unbiblical standards of beauty, conduct, and speech (2 Tim. 2:22).

10 Strong sense of identity

Help my children develop a strong sense of identity that is rooted in the knowledge of who they are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:10).

11 Strong sense of belonging

God, give my children a strong sense of belonging to their family, church, and to the Kingdom of God (1 Peter 2:9).

12 Strong sense of ability

Lord, please instill in my children a strong sense of their own gifts,

talents, and abilities, based on the strength You give them in Christ (Phil. 4:13).

13 Strong sense of responsibility

Father, make my children wise and responsible servants, who fulfill their promises and take care of their responsibilities (Luke 12:42).

14 Protection from sexual temptation

Lord, may my children "flee youthful lusts" and remain sexually pure in thought, word, and deed (2 Tim. 2:22, KJV).

15 Godly influences

Let men and women of godly character cross paths with my children and become their trusted counselors and mentors (Prov. 1:20-33).

16 Protection from loneliness

God, protect my children from the pain of loneliness, and teach them to find comfort in Your companionship (Ps. 23:4).

17 Protection from popularity

Lord, please protect my children from the pursuit of popularity and from the dangers of "too many friends." Let them stay close, instead, to the Friend who sticks closer than a brother (Prov. 18:24, NASB).

18 Single Master

Let my children make Jesus Christ their Lord and Master early in life and serve only Him, all their days (Luke 16:13).

19 Godly mate

Father, lead my children to the mate of Your choosing (Gen. 2:24).

20 Life mission

Lord, instill in my children a

strong and clear purpose to fulfill Your plan for their lives (Deut. 13:4).

21 Protection from depression

Deliver my children from discouragement and depression during their turbulent teenage years (Ps. 25:16-17).

22 Commitment to the Church

God, give my children a strong and lasting commitment to the Body of the Christ, the Church (Ps. 122:1).

23 Compassion for the less fortunate

Please give my children soft hearts and compassionate spirits for those who are in need (Matt. 25:31-46, James 1:27).

24 Protection from others

Please protect my children from bullies, daredevils, false friends, and even from the mistakes of foolish friends (Ps. 59:1-2).

25 Godly work ethic

Lord, please nurture in my children a strong, godly work ethic that will serve them well as they enter the workforce (1 Thess. 4:11).

26 Belt of truth

Arm my children, Lord, with the belt of truth; teach them to know truth from error in all they do (Eph. 6:14).

27 Breastplate of righteousness

Lord God, arm my children with the breastplate of righteousness; grant that they may make the right decisions, wherever they go (Eph. 6:14).

28 Readiness to share the gospel of peace

Father, let my children's feet be fitted with the readiness that comes from the

gospel of peace; teach them to share the good news with those around them (Eph. 6:15).

29 Shield of faith

Arm my children, Lord, with the shield of faith, with which they can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one (Eph. 6:16).

30 Helmet of salvation

Fit my children, Lord, with the helmet of salvation; let the assurance of their salvation accompany them in all they do (Eph. 6:14).

31 Sword of the Spirit

Lord, arm my children with the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Let them love Your Word and hide it deep in their hearts (Eph. 6:16, Ps. 119:11).

Neither of my children are teens anymore. Both are committed followers of Jesus. And my son is now the worship leader in the church that my wife and I helped start when he was still in high school. God has abundantly answered my prayers for him.

I pray that He will do the same for you, as you commit to doing the one thing I believe I did right as a parent of my teenage children: *pray.* ☞



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