



## Praying For Missionary Kids

Surrendering to God's call to missions calls for sacrifice and adjustment. This is especially true of the children of the missionaries. They have to face the task of leaving their homes and going to another culture or being separated from parents in order to attend boarding school. Sometimes the children are grown and see their parents move to the mission field, often being separated by thousands of miles. The children of missionaries also need the prayers of believers. The children of missionaries are vulnerable and open to the attacks of Satan, and they need prayer support. The following are prayer requests that you can pray for the children of missionaries. You can use these or adapt them.

Pray that the children will have a personal and growing relationship with Jesus Christ (John 3:15-16, 15:4-5; 2 Peter 3:18).

Pray that the children will be content in any situation that they find themselves in (Philippians 4:11-13).

Plead that the children will have a loving and open relationship with their parents (Ephesians 6:4).

Call on God to enable the children to develop godly friendships that will encourage them and help them grow in Christ (Proverbs 17:17, 27:17).

Pray that the children will learn the language of the land they are living in and will be able to communicate with the people (Jeremiah 29).

Pray the children will have opportunities to minister in their situation (Matthew 20:28).

Pray that God would enable the parents and children to work through any difficulties that they are having (Ephesians 6:1-4).

Plead that the children will be protected from loneliness and discouragement (Hebrews 13:5).

Pray that the children will have clear guidance as to what is the will of God for their life (Psalm 23:3).

You can also pray for God's work of grace in the MK's life. The following prayer guide can help you do this.

Salvation: "Lord, do your work of grace in \_\_\_\_\_'s heart. Enable him/her to obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory (John 6:44; 2 Timothy 2:10).

Growth in grace: "I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18)."

Love for God's Word: "Father, I pray that You will create in \_\_\_\_\_ a hunger for the Word of God. May he/she find Your Word more precious than much pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb (Psalm 19:10)."

Love: "Father, grant that \_\_\_\_\_ will learn to live a life of love for God and others through the Spirit who lives in him/her and pours out the love of God in his/her heart (Romans 5:5)."

Purity: "Create in \_\_\_\_\_ a pure heart, O God, and cause that purity to be shown in his/her actions (Psalm 51:10)."

Faith: "I ask that faith will take root and grow in \_\_\_\_\_'s so that by faith he/she may receive what is promised to him/her (Luke 17:5-6; Hebrews 11:1-40)."

A Servant's Heart: "O God, create a servant's heart in \_\_\_\_\_ that he/she may serve wholeheartedly as if they were serving the Lord and not men (Ephesians 6:7)."

Hope: "I pray that You, the God of hope, would cause hope to overflow in \_\_\_\_\_'s life (Romans 15:13)."

Humility: "God, please cultivate in \_\_\_\_\_ the ability to have true humility before You and to show true humility before all (Titus 3:2; 1 Peter 5:5).

Compassion: "O Lord, please clothe \_\_\_\_\_ with the virtue of compassion (Colossians 3:12)."



Honesty and integrity: "May honesty and integrity be my \_\_\_\_\_'s virtue and their protection (Psalm 25:21)."

Self-control: "Father, help \_\_\_\_\_ not to be like the many others around him/her, but enable him/her to be alert and self-controlled in all that he/she does (1 Thessalonians 5:16)."

Justice: "God, help \_\_\_\_\_ to love justice as You do and act justly in all that he/she does (Psalm 11:7; Micah 6:8)."

Faithfulness: "Let love and faithfulness never leave \_\_\_\_\_, but bind these twin virtues around his/her neck and write them on the tablet of his/her heart (Proverbs 3:31)."

Courage: "Enable \_\_\_\_\_ to always be strong and courageous in his/her character and his/her actions (Deuteronomy 31:6)."

Mercy: "Let \_\_\_\_\_ always be merciful as his/her Father is merciful (Luke 6:36)."

Respect for self, others, and authority: "Lord, enable \_\_\_\_\_ to show proper respect to everyone as Your Word commands (1 Peter 2:17)."

Biblical self-esteem: "God, help \_\_\_\_\_ to develop a strong sense of self-esteem that is rooted in the righteousness of Jesus and the realization that he/she is God's workmanship, created in Christ (Ephesians 2:10)."

Perseverance: "God, teach \_\_\_\_\_ perseverance, especially to run the race with perseverance the race marked out for him/her (Hebrews 12:1)."

Joy: "Let \_\_\_\_\_ be filled with joy given by the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 1:6)."

Peace-loving: "Lord, enable \_\_\_\_\_ to make every effort to do what leads to peace (Romans 14:19)."

Responsibility: "Grant that \_\_\_\_\_ will learn responsibility because each one should carry his/her own load (Galatians 6:5)."

Generosity: "Enable \_\_\_\_\_ to be generous and willing to give, laying up treasure for himself/herself as a firm foundation for the coming age (1 Timothy 6:18-19)."

Kindness: "Lord, cause \_\_\_\_\_ to be kind to others at all times (1 Thessalonians 5:15)."

Willingness and ability to work: "Lord, teach \_\_\_\_\_ the value of work and cause him/her to work with all his/her heart to You and not to men (Colossians 3:23)."

Passion for God: "Lord, please create a passion in \_\_\_\_\_'s heart to know You and love You (Psalm 63:8)."

Prayerfulness: "God, grant that \_\_\_\_\_'s life would be characterized by prayer. Enable him/her to pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests (Ephesians 6:18)."

Gratitude: "Grant that \_\_\_\_\_ will always be overflowing with thankfulness and will always give thanks to You for all things through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 2:7)."

Self-discipline: "God, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will acquire a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right, just, and fair (Proverbs 1:3)."

A Heart for Missions: "Father, create a desire in \_\_\_\_\_ to see Your glory declared among the nations, to see Your marvelous deeds among all peoples (Psalm 96:3)."

Contentment: "Lord, teach \_\_\_\_\_ the secret of being content in any and every situation through Him who gives strength (Philippians 4:12-13)."

Adjustment: "Father, I pray that You will enable \_\_\_\_\_ to adjust to where he/she is living. Enable him/her to deal with where home is. Give him/her the strength to do this (Philippians 4:12-13)."



Insight: "Lord, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will see the advantages of living in and knowing more than one culture (Philippians 4:12-13).

Identity: "Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will be able to adapt to other American children. \_\_\_\_\_'s life and lifestyle will be different from those that have lived in only once culture. Grant \_\_\_\_\_ the wisdom and grace to develop friendships with other American children (Philippians 4:12-13).