

# PRAYER FOR GOD'S HELP WITH PARENTING

**Key Scripture:** *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).*

**Key Thought:** Parenting is a ministry ordained of God.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I treasure my children as being an heritage and a reward from You. As arrows are in the hands of a mighty man, so are my children to me. Thank You for blessing me with my children, and for the happiness they bring to me.<sup>1</sup> I gladly commit myself, Lord, to the important responsibility of training my children in the way that they should go. I know that if I will do this faithfully, my children will not depart from my training and Your guidance when they are older.<sup>2</sup>

Father God, thank You for being the perfect example of Fatherhood,<sup>3</sup> and thank You for Your Word that guides me as a parent at all times.<sup>4</sup> Teach me how to be the best possible parent I can be, making sure that my children exhibit self-control, respect, and dignity at all times. With Your help, Father, I will be able to lead them without ever provoking them.<sup>5</sup> Help me to be fair with my children and to understand them, even as You understand me. Give me Your wisdom at all times,<sup>6</sup> Father, so that I will be the kind of parent You desire for me to be.

As a parent, Lord, I trust in You with all my heart. I will avoid leaning to my own understanding. In all my ways I acknowledge You, and I know You are directing, and will direct, my paths.<sup>7</sup> Thank You, Father.

**References:** (1) *Psalm 127:3-5*; (2) *Proverbs 22:6*; (3) *Isaiah 63:16*; (4) *Psalm 119:105*; (5) *Ephesians 6:4*; (6) *James 1:5-7*; (7) *Proverbs 3:5-6*.