Spiritual warfare prayers for children and youth. Pray this prayer for and over our children.

*Nehemiah 4:14 - “Don’t be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!”*

We do not need to fear the enemies we encounter in raising our children. God is on our side and as we fight for our children, God fights on our behalf. Praying the Scriptures for your children is the best way to FIGHT!

1. Dear Lord, I declare that You will grant that the enemies who rise up against our youth will be defeated before me. Because of You, the devil cannot permanently hurt or bring them down, and for that I thank You! The enemies will come at them from one direction but flee from them in seven ways. I know that nothing the enemy brings their way can beat Your power! You will always win the battle in this spiritual battle..

Deuteronomy 28:7

1. God of Power, I pray that our youth will put on your full armor so that they can take their stand against the devil’s schemes. As a Christian, I pray that our children and youth know that we fight not against physical things like flesh and blood, but against evil rulers of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. I pray that they and we know we can only fight this fight with You, so please strengthen us so that we can defeat the works of the enemy.

Ephesians 6:10-12

1. Awesome God, I pray that You keep our youth covered by Your power so that when the day of evil comes, they will be able stand their ground. And I pray that they remain strong in their Christian faith, and I ask that You give them the tools that require them to do so. Father, help them as they walk in You each day, help them whenever they experience spiritual warfare,

Ephesians 6:13

1. Blessed be Your Name Lord! I thank You because You care for us and will always be with them, even when they experience spiritual warfare. Your word tells me that no weapon turned against them will succeed. I pray that you will silence every voice that raised up to accuse them. They will not be defeated because they are Your child (heritage) and You are for them. I thank You because their righteousness is from You,

Isaiah 54:17

1. Precious God, I submit myself to You! I know that everything belongs to You because You are the God of All Creation. I declare that our children resist the devil and that he will flee from them. I know and pray that although You always cover us, there are times that they will need to stand strong in You and fight the enemy. I pray that they know you will be their presence help at all times.

James 4:7

1. Righteous God, Your word says that we should come near to You and that You will come near to us. I pray that our youth draw closer to You so that they will not be defeated by the spiritual attacks that the enemy plots against them. Lord, I pray they wash their hands of the things that they have done wrong in the past so that they can freely come close to You. Purify their heart and let them stand firm in You.

James 4:8

1. Beautiful One, I thank You because You have given me the authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy! This same authority you have given to all your children. You have given our youth the strength to stand up against the plans of the enemy. Nothing will harm them for Your plans for them are not to harm them but are plans to give them hope and a future. Thank You for blessing them with such power and prosperity.

Luke 10:19

1. Heavenly Father, I pray that because they are young Christian, let them be alert and of sober mind. I pray that You will give them wisdom so that they can make the right choices. The enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Guide them so that they will fight a good fight and will not be overpowered by the adversary. We know that they can overcome their spiritual warfare with You.

1 Peter 5:8

**Scriptures to Pray Over Your Children:**

1. Praying For Your Children:

John 16:8 “When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment” (NIV)

**Prayer Point: Conviction of Sin:** We cannot monitor our children 24/7, neither is it our responsibility to play the Holy Spirit in his or her life. But we can entrust them to God and ask His Spirit to convict our children, to guard their hearts and keep them from evil.

Example Prayer using this verse: Lord Jesus, I pray You would bless [child’s name] today with an increase in discernment of truth and lies. May they know Your voice and recognize the world to be wrong about sin. May they put on Your cloak of righteousness and be found blameless in Your sight by through the blood of Jesus. In Jesus name, Amen.

1. Praying For Your Children:

Galatians 1:10 “Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.” (NIV)

**Prayer Point:** Free from the need of other’s approval: Growing up is tough. Peer pressure is vicious and the desire to be significant doesn’t end when you turn 18. It is vital for our children to make choices based on the Lord’s plan and leading, NOT based on fears, insecurities, misplaced identity, or the desire for other’s favor.

Sample Prayer using this verse: Father God, today I bless [child’s name] with a heart to please you above all others. May you remove their desire for man’s approval, may they be raised up secure in Your Love for them which casts out fear. May they learn early that no human is able to truly be pleased, but that it is easy to please You with their faith and obedience. In Jesus name, Amen.

1. Praying For Your Children:

Hebrews 11:6 “It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” (NIV)

**Prayer Point**: Experience God as Rewarder: There are so many pitfalls for a young…or old… one to fall into. Drugs, alcohol, addiction, cutting, excessive gambling, sex, anorexia, and the list goes on. These things offer false promises of fulfillment or escape. It is important that our children learn to RUN to God as their Rewarder. Only He can satisfy and He promises to do just that!

Sample Prayer using this verse: Jesus, thank you for [child’s name]. I pray that their faith would be renewed, that it would be pleasing to you. I praise you Lord for rewarding them when they diligently seek you. I speak a release in Jesus name over all the blessings and rewards you have planned for them. I pray they would look to You and only You when they are in need. In Jesus name, Amen!

1. Praying For Your Children:

Joshua 1:8 “Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.” (NIV)

**Prayer Point:** Love for God’s word: God’s word is a lamp, a shelter, a rock and a sword. Scripture compares it to the best weapon ever– one that morphs into whatever you need at the time! If our children have a love for God’s word, we can be assured of their success.

Sample Prayer using this verse: I praise you Jesus for [child’s name], and I lift them up to Your throne today. May they be reminded right now to find sustenance from Your Word, may they use it as their light and obey the words written within. Lord I pray that the ears and eyes of their hearts be opened to hear Your Holy Spirit so they may discern Your truth and easily apply Your Word to their lives. I thank you, Father, that [child’s name] will prosper and succeed in all they do because they have followed Your Word. In Jesus name, Amen.

1. Praying For Your Children:

I Peter 5:6 “Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.” (NIV)

**Prayer Point:** Submission to God: A great man or woman, boy or girl, is the one who is humble before God. True greatness is not found in climbing ladders but in stooping low in the hidden places. That’s a secret I want my children to know.

Sample Prayer using this verse: Heavenly Father, I thank you for [child’s name]. I pray that they would be humbled and in awe before You God. That they would experience the wonder of Your Glory and be brought to their knees in worship before Your beauty. May You make yourself known to them and lift them up with Your mighty hand. In Jesus name, Amen.

I hope these Scriptures to pray over your children stir your heart and provide a starting place for bringing your children before the Throne. These are also great scriptures to speak over your child. I’ve found that having a strategy for prayer for my children is essential.