

Confession Regarding My Children & Grandchildren

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In May we were so blessed to hear from Pastor Joyce Jones on Mother's Day. As part of her sermon she shared with us a prayer that her mother, Mother Nancy Simmons, read every day. Many wanted to have a copy so that they could pray that same prayer over their own children and grandchildren. Here is that prayer:

Father, I thank you in Jesus' Name, that my children are blessed by You (Deut. 28:4) and that they are disciples, taught of the Lord and obedient to Your will; and great is their peace and undisturbed composure (Isaiah 54:13 Amp.). I thank You that because they are part of my household, they are saved (Acts 16:31; Isaiah 49:25). I thank You, Father, that my children are a heritage from You (Psalm 127:3) and that You gave them to me (Hebrews 2:13) and they will learn to trust and rely on You. I will train my children in the way they should go (Prov. 22:6) and, since Jesus is The Way, I will teach them to walk, love, act, and speak as Jesus did. I will correct and discipline my children because I do love them (Prov. 13:24; Prov. 22:15). I thank You that since all scripture is given by Your inspiration, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness that the result of Your Word in my children's lives will produce men and women of God who are perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (II Tim. 3:16-17). I thank You that I can take Your Word and teach my children how to dress, live, eat, sleep, and speak. I thank You that it also shows them how to have good sound emotions, perfect health, financial abundance, love for one another and love for You.

I thank You that they will wax strong in spirit and that they are filled with Your wisdom and grace (Luke 2:40). I thank you that they are not deceived, and evil communications will not corrupt their good manners and that they awake to righteousness (I Cor. 15:33-34a). I thank You that You pour Your Spirit upon my seed and Your blessing upon my offspring (Isaiah 44:3). I thank You that they overcome the evil one, that they are strong, that the Word of God abides in them, that they love not the world or the things in the world; but that they do Your will and abide forever (I John 2:13-17). I thank You that they are kind, do not envy, behave themselves properly, do not seek their own way, but live, walk, and act in the love of God (I Cor. 13:4-7). I thank You that they abide under the shadow of the Almighty and trust in You. I thank You that no evil befalls them and that You give Your angels charge over them and deliver them (Psalm 91, Psalm 34:7). I thank You that they come to a knowledge that You have delivered them from the power and authority of darkness (Col. 1:13; Psalm 23). I thank You, Father, that I can rest in YOUR ability to protect, guard and care for my children, for You are our Caretaker (I Peter 5:6-7). I thank You, in Jesus' Name, I can enter into Your rest. (Hebrews 4:9).

If you decide to pray this prayer daily, I admonish you not to get discouraged, but to always remember:

"The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." James 5:16. **Fervent** does not necessarily mean a lengthy or well-worded prayer. Fervent simply means 'displaying a passionate intensity; having or showing great warmth or intensity of spirit, feeling, enthusiasm, etc.' When things look like they are going just the opposite of what you are praying, **hold on!** God does hear your prayer. The first place things happen or change is in the spirit realm; after a change in the spirit/unseen realm, then our prayers are made obvious to us (manifested). We now clearly see the result of our prayers and steadfast belief.