

The Power of a Praying Parent

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Lord, I pray that you would enable (name of child) to live in ongoing forgiveness. Teach him (her) the depth of your forgiveness toward him (her) so that he (she) can be freely forgiving toward others. Help him (her) to make the decision to forgive based on what you've asked us to do and not on what feels good at the moment. May he (she) understand that forgiveness doesn't justify the other person's actions; instead, it makes him (her) free. Help him (her) to understand that only you know the whole story about any of us, and that's why he (she) doesn't have the right to judge.

Lord, your Word says, “He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes” (1 John 2:10-11). Show me places where I walk in the darkness of unforgiveness. I don't want that in my life. I want to see clearly and know where I'm going. And I pray that for my child as well. May he (she) always walk in the light of love and forgiveness. Enable him (her) to forgive family members, friends, and all others as well. Teach him (her) to release the past to you so that he (she) can move into all that you have for him (her). Don't allow him (her) to harbor resentment, bitterness, and anger, but rather help him (her) to turn these feelings over to you immediately whenever they creep in.

I pray that he (she) will forgive himself (herself) for times of failure, and may he (she) never blame you, Lord, for things that happen on this earth and in his (her) life. According to your Word I pray that he (she) will love his (her) enemies, bless those who curse him (her), do good to those who hate him (her), and pray for those who spitefully use and persecute him (her), so that he (she) may enjoy all your blessings (Matthew 5:44-45). I pray that he (she) will live in the fullness of your forgiveness for him (her) and walk in the freedom of forgiveness in his (her) own heart.

In Jesus' name I pray.