



A Parent's Prayer

Heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Help me to me understand my children, listen patiently to what they have to say and answer their questions kindly.
Stop me from interrupting or contradicting.

Help me to be as courteous to them as I want them to be to me. Keep me from ever laughing at their mistakes or resorting to shame or ridicule.

May I never punish them out of anger or spite or to show my power. Help me, Father, to show in all I say and do that honesty is always best.

Reduce, dear Lord, the meanness in me. When I am out of sorts, help me to hold my tongue.

Teach me to be ever mindful of my children and not expect them to have maturity and judgement beyond their age.

Guide me to know when to allow them to do things for themselves or to make their own decisions.
Strengthen me to grant them all reasonable requests and give me courage to deny them the privileges that may be harmful, even when others seem to be doing those things.

Help me to be fair, just and kind, Heavenly Father, so that I earn the love and respect of my children and give them a good example of what a life lived for you looks like.

Increase my strength, wisdom and discernment as my children grow.

Amen.

