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Introduction

rom the moment we hear that we are going to be a grandparent, something happens in our heart that makes room for this special person. And when we see him or her for the first time, the love we have in us grows dramatically beyond what we thought it could. It is unconditional, unfailing, and unshakable. With it comes a sense that we must cover this precious child in prayer.

Having lived as long as we have, we grandparents have learned a thing or two and are able to clearly see the challenges, dangers, and roadblocks to safety and happiness. Our first thoughts are to pray for our grandchild's protection. And that we must do. But there is much more to pray about as well. How do we remember it all?

I have made it easy for you in this little prayer book by giving you prayers that include the most important aspects of your grandchild's life. As you pray each prayer, add on specific prayer needs for your grandchild as the Lord brings them to mind. Included in these prayers for your grandchildren are also a few for you as a grandmother or grandfather, and a few for the parents of each of your grandchildren. In fact, one of the best gifts you can give your grandchildren is to pray for their parents.

The Bible says that good grandparents leave an inheritance to their grandchildren. Your prayers can leave a spiritual inheritance of blessings that are far greater than any material possession.

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A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children.

Proverbs 13:22

Lord, Enable Me to Clearly Express Love for Each of My Grandchildren

Lord, I lift up my grandchildren to You. (Name each grandchild before God.) Show me how to express my deep, unconditional love for each of them in a way they can clearly perceive and receive. Reveal to me the many ways I can demonstrate my love for each child. If there is a place in my heart where I feel rejected or unloved, I bring that to You for healing. I don't want to carry anything in my heart that shouldn't be there. Set me completely free from all unforgiveness today so there is no mountain of separation between me and my children or grandchildren. Keep my heart clean so that my prayers are never hindered.

If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

1 John 4:12

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Lord, Enable Me to Clearly Express Love for Each of My Grandchildren

Lord, if there are any strongholds of separation or breaches of relationships in my family, dissolve those completely. Burn away any barriers to total forgiveness in the hearts of the people involved. Help me to pray so powerfully for my grand-children that they sense Your love and mine for them. Enable my prayers to touch them deeply and create a bond of love between us. Enable me to be one of the "peacemakers" You have described in Your Word. I know that functioning in that role distinguishes me as a child of Yours (Matthew 5:9). I pray for Your peace that passes all understanding to reign in my family—and the families of my children and grandchildren.

Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

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Lord, Grow Love in My Grandchildren's Parents for Their Children and Each Other

Lord, I lift up to You my grandchildren's parents. (Name each parent before God.) Help them to get along as a couple and not allow strife or arguments to pull them apart. Teach them to seek harmony, unity, and peace in their home every day. I pray they will love each other and not allow a spirit of divorce to break up their family. I know You hear my prayers, and You can enable someone I pray for to better hear from You—if he or she desires to do so. I pray that each parent of my grandchildren will be able to express love for his or her children in ways that can be clearly perceived so that the children always feel loved.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

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Lord, Grow Love in My Grandchildren's Parents for Their Children and Each Other

Lord , fill my grandchildren's parents with Your love so that it overflows from them to their children. Give them obvious signs of love-such as mercy, forgiveness, patience, generosity of heart, acceptance, and encouragement—not only for their children, but also for one another. Remind them to make their children a priority, next to their love for You and each other. Give them the ability to communicate their love to their children in a way that makes it clear to them. I pray that the parents will never use their children to punish each other or the grandparents because of a spirit of revenge, which is totally against Your will. Help them to put their children's needs first before themselves.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Against such there is no law.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

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Lord, Help My Grandchildren Understand How Much You Love Them

Lord, pour out Your love on my grandchildren. (Name each grandchild before God.) I pray that my grandchildren will know You well and have hearts that are filled with Your love, peace, and joy so they will live peaceful lives. Help them "to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge" so that they will experience the fullness of all that You are, and all that You have for them (Ephesians 3:19). Open their hearts to trust that nothing can separate them from Your love. That's because when they say they are sorry to You and promise to not do it again, You forgive them. Help my grandchildren learn that when we look to You first, You provide everything we need because You love us.

I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

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Lord, Help My Grandchildren Understand How Much You Love Them

Lord, help me teach my grandchildren in a way they can understand that Your Word says to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," and all we need will be given to us (Matthew 6:33). And to "taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" (Psalm 34:8). Also that "there is no want to those who fear Him" (verse 9). And "those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing" (verse 10). Help me to explain to them that when they draw close to You, You draw close to them and they are never alone. Help them understand that You care so much about every detail of their lives that You want them to talk to You in prayer every day.

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

Psalm 33:20-22

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