

Justin Bieber's Mom Issues Prayer Request

Pattie Mallette is a praying mom—and she's praying for her son, the 16-year-old Canadian pop superstar Justin Bieber.

The 3D film “Justin Bieber: Never Say Never” is now playing in movie theaters. The motion picture chronicles the North American leg of Bieber's first world tour.

Mallette is convinced that she and her son are following God's purpose for their lives. Still, the single mom, who has seen Bieber go from drumming his highchair tray to street busking to international pop stardom, is also doing all she can to maintain some semblance of normalcy in her son's life by steeping him in her Christian faith and surrounding him with positive moral influences.

“I'm aware of the dangers,” Mallette says. “He's my son and I'm accountable by God and by the law to protect him, which includes covering him spiritually. Justin's faith is strong but he's young and hasn't come completely into himself yet. So what I can do is pray, teach and continue surrounding him with strong Christian influences.”

Mallette, who is asking fans to pray for Bieber's well being as his popularity surges, employs a “travel pastor” when they're on tour as well as a Christian tutor to help develop Justin's scripture memory and knowledge of Christian history. She also employs a Christian adviser, who along with manager Scooter Braun, an observant Jew, provides “a great moral base and model for Justin.”

Bieber recently released a video called “Pray,” which demonstrates his faith with footage from earthquake-torn Haiti and post-Katrina New Orleans, as well as clips of the star visiting the sick and identifying with military families and

the poor. The song includes a prayer for “the life not started” and ends with the phrase, “listening is the beginning of prayer.” The upcoming motion picture shows him saying grace in a restaurant with friends and praying with his team before storming the stage at a sold-out Madison Square Garden.

Bieber’s mother is hoping his fans will follow his lead and pray for him as he proceeds through his career. “I try to keep things organic and not push anything on him,” Mallette says. “Justin recognizes that what he’s been given is a gift—and also a ministry. He is on a wonderful journey and I love him and I am asking for people’s prayer support as Justin continues spreading his message of love throughout the world.”

Is Bieber a postive influence on today’s youth?