

A Prayer for Your Children

Lord, You have said in Your Word that a good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children (Prov. 13:22). I pray that the inheritance I leave to my children will be the rewards of a godly life and a clean heart before You. To make sure that happens, I ask that wherever there is a sinful trait in me that I have acquired from my family, deliver me from it now in the name of Jesus. I confess my sins to You. I ask for forgiveness and restoration, knowing Your Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). I know that cleansing from sin through confession lessens the possibility of passing the habit of sin on to my child.

Jesus said, "I give you the authority ... over all the power of the enemy" (Luke 10:19). If there is any work of the enemy in my past that seeks to encroach upon the life of my child, [name of child], I break it now by the power and authority given me in Jesus Christ. I pray specifically about [name something you see in yourself or your family that you don't want passed on to your child]. Whatever is not Your will for our lives, I reject as sin.

Thank You, Jesus, that You came to set us free from the past. We refuse to live bound by it. Thank You, Father, that You have "qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light" (Col. 1:12). I pray that my son [daughter] will not inherit any sin trait from his [her] earthly family, but will "inherit the kingdom prepared for him [her] from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34). Thank You, Jesus, that in You the old has passed away and all things are new.