

**Resolute Parenting Conference
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“Igniting a Passion to Pray for Your Children”

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“Igniting a Passion to Pray for Your Children.”

It's never too soon, and it's never too late, to ignite a passion to pray for your children. Whether your prayer life has never been kindled, has grown cold, or is a steady fire, let's learn how to build a passion for prayer, how to keep the fire burning even when the wood gets wet and how to spread the fire. Discover how the spark of praise, the tinder of confession, the kindling of thanksgiving and the fuel of intercession can set you on fire to pray.

“It didn't take long to realize I did my best parenting by prayer. I began to speak less to the kids and more to God. It was actually quite relaxing.” Paul E. Miller

“Until you are convinced you can't change your child's heart, you will not take prayer seriously.” Paul E. Miller

I. Preparing to build the fire—the importance of building your personal relationship with God; a basic necessity for parenting and prayer.

II. Why Build the Fire? Survival in the spiritual wilderness.

What is Prayer?

Why Pray?

Who Can Pray?

Hindrances to Prayer

How Should We Pray?

III. The Spark—Praise—Like using a magnifying glass to start a fire; the Son is the source, His word magnifies God and starts the process of prayer.

What is Praise?

Why Praise?

How Do We Praise?

Why Start with Praise?

IV. The Tinder—Confession—The spark of praise ignites reflection in us of how we have fallen short of God’s standard. Some of the best tinder is the junk on the forest floor. We confess the junk in our life.

Our position

Our condition

What is confession?

Why Confess?

How do we confess?

V. The Kindling—Thanksgiving—the tinder of confession catches the initial spark of praise and then transfers it to the kindling. Gather gratefulness and answers to prayer.

What is thanksgiving?

Why Give Thanks?

How Do I Give Thanks?

VI. The Fuel—Intercession—The kindling of thanksgiving produces a very hot flame that’s transferred to the main fuel. The fuel or intercession burns slowly and steadily for an extended period of time. It’s a lifelong process.

What is Intercession?

Why Do We Intercede?

How Do We Intercede?

VII. How to Keep the Fire Burning--Putting My Prayers into Action. There are different ways to construct a fire.

Personally

Forms of Corporate Prayer

What is One Accord Prayer?

Family

Church Prayer Groups/Any Kind of Corporate Prayer

Moms in Touch Groups

VIII. When the Wood Gets Wet—Persevering in Prayer

Personally Recommended Resources
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- *The Bible—several different translations*
- “*Igniting a Passion to Pray Prayer Curriculum,*” Fern Nichols, Marlae Gritter, Janice Oldham, Moms in Touch International, 858-486-4065, www.MomsInTouch.org
- “*Every Child Needs a Praying Mom,*” Fern Nichols with Janet Kobobel Grant
- “*Prayers From a Mom’s Heart,*” Fern Nichols
- “*Legacy of Prayer. A Spiritual Trust Fund for the Generations,*” Jennifer Kennedy Dean
- “*In God’s Presence. Your Daily Guide to a Meaningful Prayer Life,*” T.W. Hunt, Claude V. King
- “*Live a Praying Life. Open Your Life to God’s Power and Provision,*” Jennifer Kennedy Dean
- “*Heart’s Cry. Principles of Prayer,*” Jennifer Kennedy Dean
- “*Discovering How to Pray,*” Hope MacDonald
- “*How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life,*” Dr. Gregory R. Frizzell
- “*Prayer,*” O. Hallesby
- “*Too Busy Not to Pray,*” Bill Hybels and Lavonne Neff
- “*Love to Pray. A 40 Day Devotional for Deepening Your Prayer Life.*” Alvin Vandergriend
- “*Praying Backwards. Transform Your Prayer Life by Beginning in Jesus’ Name.*” Bryan Chapell
- “*A Praying Life. Connecting with God in a Distracting World.*” Paul E. Miller
- www.MomsInTouch.org website
- www.prayinglife.org website

Prayer Tips
Julie Loos
(Gleaned from different authors and personal experience)

List of things to pray for

- Salvation and assurance of salvation
- The beatitudes
- Armor of God
- Fruit of the Spirit
- “This is God’s will...” verses
- Spiritual riches
- BLESS. B-ody, L-abor, E-motional, S-ocial, S-criptural (V)
- For your children’s friends, teachers, coaches, future mate, Sunday School teachers, for your child to be caught if they are engaging in something they shouldn’t be, for a hedge of protection, etc.

Model Prayers

- Lord’s prayer (not as a rote prayer but as a model of prayer—break down each line) Ex. From (C) Make your name holy, bring your kingdom, provide daily bread, keep from temptation, forgive.
- Ladder of prayer (V)
 - For inner strength by the power of the Holy Spirit
 - That Christ may live in believers’ hearts through faith
 - That believers will be grounded in God’s word
 - That believers grasp the scope of Christ’s love
 - That believers may experience the love of Christ
 - That believers may be filled with the very nature of God

Is. 25:1, Dan. 9: 4-6, Dan. 2:23, Matt. 6: 9-13, Eph. 1:16-20; 3:14-17, Col. 1: 9-13, Ez. 22, I Kings 8:22-61

Six Ways God Answers Prayer (V)

- Yes. I thought you’d never ask
- Yes. But not yet.
- No. I love you too much.
- No. Not until you deal with that sin you are holding on to.
- Yes. But different from your thoughts.
- Yes. But more than you ever hoped or dreamed.

Heroes of Prayer

- Jesus, Elijah, Paul, Jehoshaphat, David, Jacob, Daniel, Elias, Silas

Key Scriptures on Prayer

Luke 11:2-4, Matt. 6:9-13, John 14: 13-14, John 15: 7, 16, Rom. 8:34, Heb. 7:24-25, I John 2:1, Rom. 8: 26-28 (esp. AMP), Eph. 6:18, James 5:16, James 4: 2-10, I John 3:21-22, Phil 4:6, Luke 22:42

Format for Prayer
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Adoration/Praise: Extolling God for who he is, his attributes, his character, his names. Not thanksgiving. Painting a picture of God. God you are: _____

Confession: Acknowledging where you have fallen short of God's standards, naming your sin, agreeing that it's wrong and asking for help in turning the other way. God I admit that I have/not: _____. I am sorry for: _____. Please help me: _____.

Thanksgiving: Expressing gratitude for what God has done, is doing and will yet do. Not praise. God I thank you for: _____

Petition/Intercession: Honestly coming before God with your needs and desires for yourself and for others. Must line up with his character and his word. Ask boldly but surrender completely to his will.

Example

Praise: God is my teacher—to guide and instruct, to impart knowledge

Job 36:22 God is exalted in his power. Who is a teacher like him? God I praise you for there is no other teacher who compares to you.

Ps. 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. I give you praise Father because you will teach me where I should go. With you counseling me and watching over me I feel safe and I can trust you.

Is. 48:17 This is what the LORD says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. I praise you that your instructions are what are best for me even when I don't agree or realize it.

Confession: God forgive me when I did not allow you to instruct me in the way I should go with my decision about: _____. Forgive me when I think I know best. I desire to follow your ways and not my own. Help me seek after and follow your instruction.

Thanksgiving: God thank you for your word and it's instruction. Thank you for: _____

Scripture to pray: Ps 25:4-5 Show _____ your ways, O LORD, teach _____ your paths; guide _____ in your truth and teach _____, for you are God _____ Savior, and _____ hope is in you all day long. Pray scripturally be putting your child's name in God's word and praying that for them.

Specific prayer:

Salvation prayer: Acts. 26:18 ...open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus.