

A Parent's conversation with God...

Oh God, my Father in Heaven, please make me a better parent. Help me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to respond to their questions kindly.

Help me to see in them the gifts that you have placed, to nurture those gifts and add to them skills and experience.

Fill my mouth with sound instruction and rightful encouragement.

May I grant them that which is reasonable and have the courage and strength to always withhold that which I know will do them harm – no matter what anyone else thinks.

Let me give light to your Word in every circumstance, so that their worldview is wrapped up in your truth. Let me base my decisions in love and be consistent in my parenting according to your example.

Let me not expect from them the restraint and judgment of an adult. Allow me not to rob them of the opportunity to wait upon themselves, to think for themselves, to discover for themselves, and to make their own decisions, their own mistakes whenever possible.

Help me to foster an environment of learning and a full knowledge of you. Lead me on straight paths in choosing what I teach to my children and help me be a good teacher, never forsaking the character you desire in them.

Let me be used by you to guide them into your arms. Oh Father, give me the calm, poise, grace, wisdom and self-control that I need to ensure that they see your influence and presence in my life.

Help me to display order, good stewardship, responsibility and patience in such a way that it will become part of who they are as well. May I bless you and honor you for you have placed your trust in me to raise them.

AMEN!

Holy Spirit Prayer for Candidates

Come Holy Spirit,
I invite you
into the very depths of my being.

Lead me, guide me,
COACH me,
encourage me & challenge me.

Direct **me in all things.**

Teach me to become a
great decision maker,

so that in every moment
of every day I can choose what is
Good and right, noble, & just.

Amen.

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.
Send forth your SPIRIT and they shall be
created,
And You shall renew the face of the earth.