

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

Heavenly Father, Who by Your wisdom has created man and has breathed into him the breath of life, making him a living being whose life is both temporal and eternal; and Who blessed him and said: "Increase and multiply, fill the earth and rule over it"; and Who in Cana of Galilee through Your Only begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord, blessed the union of marriage and thereby the bearing of sons and daughters, to You we come Lord with deep humility we pray to You: Help us to fulfill our duties as parents in brining up our children according to Your ways.

Lord have mercy on us and on our home, and in Your great goodness, pour out Your abundant grace over our children. Have mercy, O Lord, on us and on our children whom You have trusted us with.

O Greatly-Merciful Lord, Who gives food to the birds of the sky and to all living things on the earth, Who watches over the flower that sprouts amidst the rocky cliffs: nourish, bring up, and protect our children also.

Help us, O Lord, to plant in their souls what is good and useful for Your Holy Church and the nation, and what is well-pleasing to You. May Your Holy Name be exalted though them. Fill them, O Lord, with wisdom and holy understanding which comes from You. Protect them from all the snares of enemies both visible and invisible and command Your Angels to be their guides, and lead them in all good works.

We pray to You Oh Lord, open their minds that they may know-love-obey and worship You all the days of their life and onto the ages of ages. Amen.