



A MOTHER'S *prayer*

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DEAR LORD, PLEASE BLESS MY CHILDREN
IN EVERYTHING THEY DO,
AS THEY GROW AND LIVE EACH DAY,
PLEASE KEEP THEM CLOSE TO YOU.

WATCH THEM AS THEY RUN AND PLAY,
AND CALM THEIR CHILDISH FEARS.
COMFORT THEM WHEN THEY ARE SAD,
AND WIPE AWAY THEIR TEARS.

I PRAY THAT THEY WILL KNOW YOU
AS A FATHER AND A FRIEND.
HELP THEM TO APPRECIATE
THE BLESSINGS THAT YOU SEND.

PLEASE PROTECT THEIR INNOCENCE;
KEEP EVIL FAR AWAY.
GIVE THEM FAITH TO TRUST IN YOU,
AND HELP THEM TO OBEY.

TEACH THEM, LORD, TO KNOW YOUR WILL.
DIRECT THE STEPS THEY TAKE.
GIVE THEM WISDOM FROM ABOVE
FOR CHOICES THEY MUST MAKE.

GIVE ME PATIENCE, STRENGTH, AND GRACE
TO BE A GODLY MOTHER.
FILL OUR HOME WITH HAPPINESS
AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

HELP OUR FAMILY TO BE STRONG,
TO DO OUR VERY BEST,
THAT OTHERS MAY SEE CHRIST IN US
AND KNOW THAT WE ARE BLESSED.

WHEN MY CHILDREN REACH THE AGE
TO GO OUT ON THEIR OWN,
I PRAY THAT THEY'LL WALK BESIDE YOU
AND KNOW THEY'RE NOT ALONE.

AMEN.