

Praying Psalm 40

1. In times of trial, pray that your children would wait patiently on the Lord.

Psalm 40:1-3

Pray that your children would be strengthened to wait patiently through the trials that they will go through. God can bring them up out of any pit that they fall into. He can set their feet upon a solid rock. He can put a new song into your child's mouth. God can use their trial to bring glory to Himself.

2. In times of doubt, pray that your children would trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:4-5

Our children will meet friends and teachers who would lead them away from the truth. They will struggle with doubts. Pray that, when proud people and liars surround them, they would not be led astray. Pray that their trust would remain in the Lord and that they would remember God's greatness in the past and trust God's current love for them.

3. In times of temptation, pray that your children would listen to and obey God.

Psalm 40:6-8

Pray that your children would know God's Word and delight to do it. Pray that, when the temptation comes, their hearts would be so in love with God and His Word that the temptation would lose all power.

4. In times of silence, pray that your children would be unafraid to speak of God's righteousness, faithfulness, salvation, lovingkindness, and truth.

Psalm 40:9-10

Pray that your children will never be afraid or ashamed of speaking out for God, no matter who they are with.

5. In times of despair, pray that your children would remember God's compassion, lovingkindness, and truth

Psalm 40:11-12

Your children will experience times when life seems overwhelming, when they are beaten down by their sin, and when their heart fails within them. Pray that they will be able to remember God's compassion, lovingkindness, and truth during these times. Pray that they would not be crushed, but would again find their hope in God.

6. In times of distress, pray that your children would know God's help and deliverance

Psalm 40:13-17

When our children take a stand for God, people will falsely accuse them and persecute them. This may happen at school when they are young or in the work place when they are older. Persecution may even come from a trusted friend. Pray that in the midst of this distress, they would know God's help and deliverance in a very personal way. Pray that their deliverance would cause other believers to take heart and glorify God.