

A Month of *Prayers* for Prodigals and Their Parents

- DAY 1** | I ask You for the salvation of this child's **friends** and that You'd use their influence for Your purposes.
- DAY 2** | Please bring **other voices and interactions** into this child's life to draw them back to You. Give this child a **soft, receptive, responsive heart**.
- DAY 3** | Bring **Your Word** to this child's mind, and show it to be faultlessly true. I trust that Your Word is living and active and produces good (Isaiah 55:11).
- DAY 4** | Please **protect** this child physically, emotionally, spiritually, and in all other ways—aside from wounds that would bring them back to You.
- DAY 5** | “And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD”(Deuteronomy 8:3). Cause this child to **feel their internal hunger** so You can feed them, to seek You in suffering, and cry out to You rather than turning away (Hebrews 4:16).
- DAY 6** | **Transform this family** through this painful journey. May each one radiantly **display Your character**, love, sacrifice, faithfulness, and longing in moments small and large. Cause us all to grow in our understanding of Your heart toward us when we're far from You—Your heart of a shepherd rather than a Pharisee (Luke 15).
- DAY 7** | Please grant this child and this family deep **humility and submission** to You.
- DAY 8** | I pray Your Spirit would enable this child to **discern evil**, along with the **courage** to choose good (1 John 4:1).
- DAY 9** | I ask that this child would be unable to quench Your Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19) but that Your **Holy Spirit** would fully carry out His perfect work of awakening, conviction of sin, and regeneration. You alone give sight; open this child's eyes (Exodus 4:11, Psalm 146:8)!
- DAY 10** | Holy One, I pray this story would end not just in crosses to bear, but in **radical resurrection**—including redemption that brings us all closer and results in wholehearted praise and celebration. Protect us from hopelessness and unbelief.

- DAY 11** | Empower us daily, especially in dark moments, to **trust You** for the story You are writing. You are the Beginning and the End (Isaiah 46:10, Revelation 22:13), and salvation belongs to You (Revelation 7:10). You allow us to cultivate alongside You, but alone give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6).
- DAY 12** | May this child experience Your profound compassion, acknowledging it comes from You, and **receive Your mercy** (Ephesians 2:4-5).
- DAY 13** | Help this child seek **healing** from past hurt and trauma and forgive those who've hurt them—including those in Your church.
- DAY 14** | Merciful God, I ask that You would **keep this family from reacting** out of fear, shame, impatience, image-management, or ungodly control. Let us do everything from faith expressing itself through love (Galatians 5:6).
- DAY 15** | I ask You to bring this child back to You in **Your timing, in Your way**. Your ways are perfect (Psalm 18:31, 2 Samuel 22:31), and we trust Your journey for them, acknowledging that for this child's good and Your honor, You will not short-circuit the path they must take in order to know and love You.
- DAY 16** | Good Shepherd, please give us **patience, faith, joy, peace, and understanding of Your heart** as we wait.
- DAY 17** | Grant us eyes to see Your glory (Exodus 33:18, Matthew 6:22), eager to respond to You with gratitude. Help us **trust that You're always working** (John 5:17).
- DAY 18** | Walk with us in our **hardest emotions**, like anger, grief, and fear. Let us bring our questions into Your sanctuary and worship our way through them.
- DAY 19** | Cause this child to experience **poverty of spirit** (Matthew 5:3), and vividly remember the way You satisfy (Luke 15:14-24). Expose the emptiness and futility of their sin.
- DAY 20** | In Your kindness (Romans 2:4, Jeremiah 31:3), draw this child into **godly sorrow** (2 Corinthians 7:10). Turn their heart of stone to a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26), granting full, genuine repentance from the heart-level out.
- DAY 21** | **Protect this family** from disdain, rage, superiority, self-righteousness, or the need to uphold status.
- DAY 22** | Grant this family **community rather than isolation**; don't allow self-protection out of shame (1 Corinthians 12:25-26).

- DAY 23** | Give this family discernment to establish wise **boundaries** for this child.
- DAY 24** | Let our **speech be gracious**, seasoned with salt (Colossians 4:6). “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29).
- DAY 25** | Generously grant this family **wisdom for every moment** (James 1:5). Give them the manna they need for each day, and the ability to keenly hear and respond to Your Holy Spirit
- DAY 26** | Let us **see this prodigal with Your eyes**.
- DAY 27** | **Seek this child** diligently, relentlessly (Luke 15). Comfort us as You wait with us.
- DAY 28** | I ask You to **correct poor pictures of Yourself** that keep this child from seeing You as You are (Ephesians 1:18-19) and returning to You.
- DAY 29** | Cause this child to **run from temptation, sin, and the evil one** (Psalm 34:14, James 4:7). When this child is sinning against You, let them be caught.
- DAY 30** | **Thank You** for Your patience and mercy with me and with this child.
- DAY 31** | In the Old Testament and New, You associate Yourself with covenant love, slow anger, deliverance, refuge, compassion, and salvation. Thank You that **You came for this reason**—to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), to free the captives (Luke 4:18-19), for the soul-sick like this child and me (Mark 2:17). I stake my trust on Your character and unfailing love.