

# A Prayer for My Daughter

## **D** IS FOR DIRECTION

LORD, give my daughter a deep desire to know and follow you. Lead her in the path of righteousness for Your name's sake. May she trust in You with all her heart, looking to You for direction and acknowledging You in all her ways. Keep her on the straight and narrow path. John 10:27; Psalm 23:3; Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 7:14

## **A** IS FOR AFFECTIONS

God, teach my daughter to take delight in serving You, and allow it to shape the desires of her heart. May she set her affections on things above. Guard her against the lust of flesh, lust of the eyes, boastful pride, & anything else that would pervert or misplace her affections. Psalm 37:4; Colossians 3:2; 1 John 2:15-16

## **U** IS FOR UNDERSTANDING

LORD, cultivate in my daughter a spirit of discernment. Grant her wisdom & understanding beyond her years. Help her hide the Bible in her heart, and teach her live by the verses she memorizes so that she will not become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer of Your Word. Proverbs 3:13-23; Psalm 119:99; James 2:25

## **G** IS FOR GRACE

Give my daughter grace to accept the forgiveness You offer in Christ, then enable her to humbly extend that same grace to others. Teach her to boldly approach the Throne of Grace & to liberally season her speech with grace so that it might build up all who are in need. Ephesians 2:8-9, 4:29; James 4:6; Colossians 4:6

## **H** IS FOR HEALTH

LORD, bless my daughter with good physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Preserve her energy. Protect her against illness & injury. Grant her sound sleep that leaves her feeling rested & refreshed. And help her make wise choices in areas that affect her health. 3 John 1:2; Isaiah 40:29-41; Psalms 127:2; Prov. 3:1-8

## **T** IS FOR TEACHABILITY

God, give my daughter a teachable spirit. Give her a thirst for knowledge, and grant that she would receive correction and instruction with an attitude of grateful humility. Help me to model those same good qualities before her. Guard us both against stiff-necked pride. Prov. 1:5, 9:9; 25:12; James 1:21; 1 Corinthians 11:1

## **E** IS FOR EMPATHY

LORD, give my daughter a heart of love and compassion. Help her treat others the way she would want to be treated herself. Make her kind, tenderhearted, and considerate of other's interests as well as her own. 1 Pet. 3:8; Luke 6:31; Eph. 4:32; Phil. 2:1-4

## **R** IS FOR RELATIONSHIPS

God, bring my daughter like-minded friends who uplift, encourage, and sharpen her. Teach her to get along with others, both inside and outside our family. Most importantly, give her such a love for Jesus that it'll spill out on all she meets. Prov. 17:17; Mark 12:30-31

