



1. Teach me, Lord.

“Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.” Ps. 119:33)

2. Give me understanding.

“Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.” Ps. 119:34

“When our intent is obedience, God will give us understanding of His Word and will.”

3. Direct me.

“Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.” Ps. 119:35

4. Turn my heart.

“Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.” Ps. 119:36

“We are to turn our hearts toward the truth of God, what brings honor and glory to Him, not toward things and activities that promote ourselves. **Turning requires action**, so as God works in your heart, expect change.”



5. Turn my eyes away from worthless things.

“Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.” Ps. 119:37

As God leads us to fix our eyes on Him, “We will begin exchanging the tinsel of this world for the gold of heaven.”

6. Fulfill your promise.

“Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.” Ps. 119:38

WORD: Psalm 119 is for every man or woman who wants to rely more fully on God and His Word.

A Prayer for my Children to Be Upheld by Your Word

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” Psalm 119:9-11

Lord, my greatest desire for my children is they would seek after you with all their heart, mind and strength. Would you



give them a desire to spend time in your word, and to live in obedience as the overflow of their love for you? I know if left alone we will only do what is right in our own eyes. The self says to do what makes us happy without regard to others, or to your law. But, Lord, would you hide your word in their hearts? May that the still small voice of the Spirit be the louder voice in their heads that leads them to make good decisions.

A Prayer for my Family to Focus on Heavenly Treasures

"I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!" [Psalm 119:19](#)

Lord God, I know this is not our home, but it is so hard to grasp that reality when all we see is here and now. It is easy then to live as if *this* is it, seeking after the treasures of this world. For my kids (and me), Lord, those treasures often come in the package of appearance and performance. They want to be noticed and accepted. More than that, they want to be exalted and glorified. We all do. We want to be kings and queens of our mini-kingdoms. Would you help my children see that life is not found in the praise of man, or in this selfie world? Would you remind them of your truths



about a hope and future - an inheritance - stored up in heaven waiting for them? Cause them to cast their eyes upon *that* reality so they would hold loosely to what is temporary and invest in what matters to you, Lord.

A Prayer for my Children to Rest in Your Steadfast Love

"Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant." [Psalm 119:76](#)

Dear God, throughout Scripture we are reminded of your steadfast love. You promised the Israelites to be their God and for them to be your people, to give them a place, and to send a Redeemer, and you have not forgotten your promises. You sent your Son and because you did, we have your guarantee in the person of Christ that you are with us. He came and entered into our world - into the suffering and brokenness - and therefore can identify with us in ours. But he also did something about it. Would you help my children remember your promises and rest in your love even when their circumstances say otherwise? Help them believe you are with them in it all and you are making all things new.



A Prayer for My Children's Protection

"You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word." [Psalm 119:114](#)

Lord, hide my kids in you. Be their shield against temptation and sin and protect them from physical and emotional harm. In this would you also help me to trust you with them, especially when there is nothing I can do to protect or control? But where we have set up boundaries for their protection my hope is for them to see it because of our love for them. Would you keep them from rebelling against us and ultimately you? May they instead stay tethered to you, trusting in your promise to be with them, to guide and protect them.

A Prayer for Your Perfect Peace

"Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble." [Psalm 119:165](#)

To be at peace, what a gift. So often though we think life would be better, we would be happier, or experience more joy doing what we want instead of what your law commands. But outside of you there is perpetual unrest. Help my children to see this is true. Only in you and living in accordance to your law do we experience peace. Would you grant them your perfect peace, even in hard times?