

c. Replace "a ram caught in a thicket by his horns" with "Jesus Christ nailed to the cross of Calvary."



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Pray for Your
Prodigal Child

Why aren't the children here? We are living in times when there are a lot of things that take our children away from God and it is our sacred responsibility as a parents/families to be in God's presence on their behalf.

Here is just a simple guide for you to follow through while praying for your prodigal child:

1. Gather photos of your children or if you do not have photos then just write their names and Put them in a small box or bottle with a lid. Write a letter to God, deliberately returning each child to Him. Put the letter in the box with the photos or names. Wrap the box as a gift. Offer it in prayer to the one who loves your children more than you could ever love them. Put the box where it can remind you often that they belong to Him not to you.

2. Write out an "ACTS" prayer, in which each letter of the word "acts" stands for one part of your prayer: Adoration, Confession, thanksgiving and Supplication.

a. Adoration. Praise God for the wonderful heavenly Parent He is to you, His wandering child. Praise Him for His compassion, mercy, Grace and love. Praise Him for His patience and the freedom He grants you to follow or reject Him.

b. Confession. Confess your lack of wisdom and faith. Confess your anger, guilt, bitterness, disappointment and frustration. Confess your critical spirit and your desire to control.

c. Thanksgiving. Give thanks to God for the gift of your child. Thank Him for continuing to work in your child's life.

d. Supplication. Offer your children back to God. Ask Him to intervene in the lives of your children, to break the power of evil in their lives and to help them experience God's incredible love.



Hope from Bible parents:

1. Read the story of Abraham's Moriah experience aloud (Gen.22:1-18), Making the substitutions that follow.

[I find it a very moving experience and trust it will be the same for you].

a. Wherever it says Abraham replace it with your own name. If you are a mother, replace mother for father in the story and she for he.

b. Wherever it says Isaac, replace it with the name of your child. If the child is a girl, replace daughter for son, girl for lad and she for he.