

## A Mother's Prayer of Love

*Inspired from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)*

Lord, please help me not to show my frustration when my kids do things that get on my nerves, but help me to be **patient** with them, letting go of my anger and showing them Your unconditional love.

Help the words I choose and the tone I use be **kind** throughout the day. May I smile at them, enjoy them greatly, and give them plenty of affection and approval each day.

Please **keep me from envy** when I see other kids' talents or behaviors and am tempted to compare them to my kids.

And may I **not boast or be full of pride** in myself or my kids when they do good things, but may I always boast in YOU, Lord, and how YOU are growing, gifting, and maturing them.

May I **not dishonor** my children by shaming them or being rude to them, but help me treat them with respect, the way I would want to be treated.

Help me be **less self-seeking** in my motives to parent my kids, but to raise them up for YOUR glory, not my own need for approval from others.

And please help me to **not get easily angered** when my children do something for the umpteenth time I have told them not to do, but help me to be intentional to discipline and train them with love and consistency.

Erase from my memory how my children have messed up in the past, so that I do **not keep records of wrong** by continuing to bring up past failures or talk negatively about them with my friends, when YOU have forgiven and forgotten them on the cross.

Please help me **not** to get satisfaction out of yelling or unfairly punishing my kids because I think they deserve it for the way they treated me, as that would be **delighting in evil**, but may I discipline them in love and treat them with respect.

Help me to **rejoice in the truth** that YOU have given me these precious children to love and train up, as it is my greatest privilege to raise them up to know and love YOU.

Give me wisdom to **protect** them from the evil in our world, **trust** YOU with them and not worry, **hope** in YOUR perfect plan for them, and **persevere** in my parenting with them.

Thank YOU that with YOUR SPIRIT to guide me, I can have a **love** that **never fails** for my children.

Amen

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