



## **6. Pray with dependence on God's sovereign grace.**

*Summary:* This generation of parents, pastors, and teachers cannot escape the responsibility they have for nurturing the faith of the next generation, and there is no way to escape the reality that the children of the next generation will only be saved by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Saving faith for any child “is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one [no parent, no pastor, no grandparent, no Sunday school teacher] may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). God’s unstoppable purposes for our children and our inescapable responsibility to raise them in the faith come together in prayer.

### *Application at church:*

- Listen to the Truth 78 seminar [Prayer: Utter Dependence on God in Children's Ministry](#).
- Encourage children's workers to pray regularly for the children in their classrooms.
- Encourage nursery workers to pray for each baby each week.
- Post prayer topics or verses on the walls of your nursery or classrooms and encourage workers to pray weekly for the children.
- Encourage your Sunday school and midweek teams to pray together before each class.

### *Application at home:*

- Listen to the Truth 78 seminar [Praying Steadfastly: A Call to Parents](#)
- Decide on a strategy for praying for your children and implement it.
- As you read your Bible each day, use the passages you just read as a springboard for praying for your children.
- Bless your children each night as you put them to bed.
- Pray with your children spontaneously—“at all times” not just at meal times and bedtime.
- Read a book on prayer to inspire or equip you to pray: [Radical Prayer](#) by Monty Kline; [A Praying Life](#) by Paul Miller; [Prayer Pathways](#) by Kathi Lambrides Westlund.
- Keep a prayer journal for each of your children.

*Resources:*

- [\*Big, Bold, Biblical Prayers for the Next Generation\*](#)
- [\*Praying for the Next Generation\*](#)
- [\*A Father's Guide to Blessing His Children\*](#)
- [\*Utter Dependency on God, Through Prayer\*](#)