

2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV)

Encourage to read out loud with you:

...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

If my people (my children): People who trust God's promise that Jesus died to save them from the punishment of all their sins.

Who are called by my name: When you give yourself to God, you are called His child and a Christian.

God's requirement for His children in order to receive His promise is to...

Humble themselves: Humble is the opposite of pride. You humble yourself when you accept that His way is always best and you give all your desires and wants to God so He can give you the best desires back at the most perfect time.

Pray: Talk to God by-- Thanking God for what He has done, ask God for help for yourself and others, and admitting your sin to God so He can take away the guilty feeling. Next, listen for that "still small voice" that never disagrees with the Bible. God answers our prayers three ways: Yes, Wait, and No.



Seek my face: Seek God's face by praying, reading the Bible, going to church, and allowing Him to guide you in everything you do. Ask Him to help you trust and follow His way only.

Turn from their wicked ways: Admit your wicked (wrong and selfish) ways (actions) and choose to follow God's good ways with His help. Focus on doing what you are supposed to do and keep your sins confessed. As you do this, the 'Don'ts' will be less of a problem.

God's promise when we obey Him...

Then I will hear from heaven: God will respond to our prayers and we will hear and know God's answer to our prayers and needs (not necessarily our wants).

I will forgive their sin: As God threw the punishment of our sins into the deepest sea to remember it no more, He will remove the guilty feeling and He will help us through the consequences.

I will heal their land: Sometimes healing takes time. But God promises He will begin using us and all believers to heal the bad things first in our home, then our neighborhoods, and our countries. All things will work together for our good!

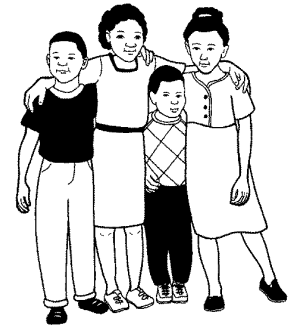


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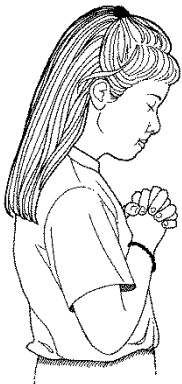
(Assign or hand-out 4 x 6 cards to different children with the various prayer request allow them to say one sentence prayers. They may need guidance and help from you, don't force a child to pray but let them know you will help if needed. If you do not know if a child is saved, give them a thank you prayer.)

My people (my children): Thank you God for other believers in my life (my parents, family members, my pastor and church. I pray also for Christian leaders in our city, state, and nation.



Who are called by my name: Thank you, God that I belong to your forever family because Jesus died to take the punishment for all my sins and I asked Him to save me.

Humble themselves: Dear God help me give You complete control of all my wants and wishes each day because You are faithful to give me back what is best.



Pray: Thank you, God, for what You have done for me. (Ask God to help with yours and other's needs.) Help me, God, to remember to pray about everything and remember that your answers are always best.

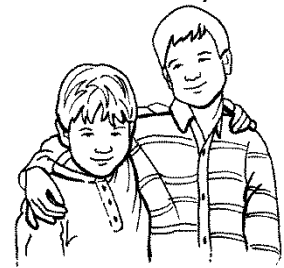
Seek my face: Help me, God, to remember to spend time with you each day. Thank you, God, for providing the Bible, Church, and prayer to help me know You.

Turn from their wicked ways: (Quietly pray and confess any sin in your life to God.) Dear God, help me love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength and love my neighbor as myself.

I will hear from heaven: Thank you, God, that You love me very much and You keep Your promises. Thank you that You will respond to my prayer in a way that's best for me and Your plan.

I will forgive their sin: Thank you, God, that You took the punishment for my sins. Thank you, God, that You will take away the guilty feeling and give me a clean heart. Help me, God, to forgive others.

I will heal their land: Thank you, God, that when we follow Your way, You will bless our family, neighborhoods, and countries.



Let's Pray! (Preschool Version)

My people who are called by my name: Thank you, God, that you love all people and you want all people to believe in Jesus and become your child.

Humble themselves: Help me God to tell you I am sorry when I sin (do something that the Bible says is wrong).



Pray: Thank you, God, that I can talk to you anytime and anywhere.

Seek my face: Help me, God, to remember to pray about everything and ask for your help.

Turn from their wicked ways: Dear God, help me follow your way, love you with all my heart, and love others just like you love me.

I will hear from heaven: Thank you, God, that You love me very much and You keep Your promises. Thank you that You hear and answer my prayers: yes, no, and wait.

I will forgive their sin: Thank you, God, that You took the punishment for my sins. Thank you, God, that You will take away the guilty feeling and forgive me. Help me, God, to forgive others too.

I will heal their land: Thank you, God, that when we follow Your good way, You will bless our family, homes, and countries.

