

FAMILY DEDICATION



Sample Letter to Child

My child, before you were born I saw your shape being formed, and I heard your heartbeat. I love you beyond measure and I enjoy holding you in my arms, comforting you, picking you up when you fall down, and praying over you while you sleep. I look forward to the day Jesus becomes as real to you as your mommy and me.

I pray that you would know Christ. I pray that you would feel the love of your daddy and mommy. I pray that you would run to me when thunder claps, when the lights go out, and when you skin your knee. I pray that you would love serving Jesus.

(For Boy) I pray that you would grow into a godly man, and that you would marry a woman like your mommy. I pray you would cherish her, love her, and be a strong man for her.

(For Girl) I pray that you would find a man who loves you as much as your daddy does, in whose arms you feel safe, that you would love him like your mommy loves your daddy. I pray that you would be loving, gracious, kind, and his greatest encouragement and helper.

I pray that you would grow academically, have your mommy's singing voice, be more coordinated than your daddy, and find joy in all you do. I pray that no matter how much you love Mommy and Daddy, you would love Jesus more and that you would find all your joy and peace in him. I pray that when it comes time to let you go, that you would go wherever God takes you. I pray that you will have more faith than I did. I pray you would have a heart for the nations, that you would love people who live far away and that you would pray for them and share Jesus with them.

My child, I don't want the American dream for you. I don't even know what the American dream will look like by the time you read this. But I do know this: I don't want you to be happy with more stuff or bigger vacations or an easier life. I want you to know Christ, to make Him known, and to be willing to go wherever he takes you, regardless of the cost.

I love you.
Daddy

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