
Dear Heavenly Father, make me a better parent.
Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have
to say and to answer all their questions kindly.

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Keep me from interrupting them, talking back to them
and contradicting them.

Make me as courteous to them as I would be to me.
Give me the courage to confess my sins against my children
and to ask them for forgiveness when I know that
I have done them wrong.

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Grant that I may never vainly hurt the feelings of my children.
Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame and ridicule
as punishment.

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Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal.
So, please guide me hour by hour that I might demonstrate by all
I say and do that honesty produces happiness

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Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me.
May I cease to nag, and when I am out of sorts, help me
O Lord, to hold my tongue.
Blind me to the little errors of my children and help me to see the good
things they do.

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Give me ready word to honestly praise.
Help me to grow up with my children and to treat them as
those of their own age.
Let me not expect of them the judgements and conventions of adults.

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Allow me not to rob them of the opportunity to learn for themselves, to
think, to choose and to make decisions.
Forbid that I should ever punish them for my own selfish satisfaction

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Make me fair and just, considerate and companionable to my children that
they will have a genuine esteem for me.

Make me fit to be loved and initiated by my children

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AMEN