

# RisingView Bi-Weekly



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## 7 Prayers for Graduates

### *Scripture Filled Prayer*

Heavenly Father...

1) As \_\_\_\_\_ weighs the choices that are before her, let her be filled with knowledge and depth of insight, that she may be able to discern what is best and be pure and blameless until Jesus comes again. In her college, her career, and her marriage, let her be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus, so that everything she does will bring glory to Your name. *Philippians 1:9-11*

2) Remind \_\_\_\_\_ that You know the plans You have for him — plans to prosper him and not to harm him, plans to give him hope and a future. Cause him to turn to You for wisdom and guidance in all things, and listen to his prayers. *Jeremiah 29:11-12*

3) As \_\_\_\_\_ grows and become more independent, teach her to trust in You with all her heart. Do not let her depend on her own understanding, but cause her to seek Your will in all that she does, and direct her paths. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

4) Cause \_\_\_\_\_ to be careful how she lives. Let her be wise, make the most of every opportunity, and understand Your will. *Ephesians 5:15-17*

5) Teach \_\_\_\_\_ to make the most of her time, so that she may grow in wisdom. *Psalms 90:12*

6) May loyalty and kindness be written on \_\_\_\_\_'s heart so that he will find favor and high regard in the sight of God and man. *Proverbs 3:3-4 CSB*

7) When \_\_\_\_\_ comes up against a big decision — whether it is a career choice, a marriage partner, or something else — do not let him look at the things that human beings look at. Instead, cause him to see the world through Your eyes and to respond to people and circumstances with Your wisdom and Your love. *1 Samuel 16:7*

**It's graduation season! Teens and young adults are off and running towards new adventures... with a lot of knee-bending by their parents! Grad moms and dads (and grandparents, aunties, uncles and loved ones), we hope you enjoy!**



## Virtual Graduation

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. You—or someone you know—may soon be graduating. I extend my congratulations! Whether you set new academic records or not, you finished. You saw it through. I commend you. Always remember to keep God first in everything you do. Don't allow God to be an afterthought. Instead, make Him the first thing you think about when you wake up and your last thought before you sleep.

—Minister Aaron W. Flood

Matthew 6:33 New International Version (NIV)

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

# What our kids really need...

## *Thank God for Dads!*

### What Our Kids Really Need

The challenging mission of a Christian father is to provide enough structure to drive out folly, while never letting your children have any reason to doubt that you unconditionally love and accept them.

When our own children were barely out of diapers, my wife and I attended a parenting seminar where counselor and author Larry Crabb was the speaker. He offered a simple, practical formula for correcting folly: “Yes, I love you, and no, you can’t have your own way.”

Virtually every parenting error you can think of will be the result of getting one or both statements out of kilter:

The **Authoritarian** Father: “No, I don’t love you, and no, you can’t have your own way.”

The **Permissive** Father: “Yes, I love you, and yes, you can have your own way.”

The **Disconnected** Father: “No, I don’t love you, and yes, you can have your own way.”

The **Encouraging** Father: “Yes, I love you, and no, you can’t have your own way.”

“Yes, I love you, and no, you can’t have your own way” is the big idea that can guide you to the right balance of structure and discipline you will need to drive out folly, while at the same time making sure your children never doubt your love.

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## Thank God for Dads!

Think about the father figures who’ve made a positive impact in your life. Maybe they’ve shared wisdom, encouraged you, protected you, shown up when you needed it, or provided timely guidance.

This Father’s Day, show those men they matter by sharing an encouraging word from Scripture.