

5 Days of Prayer for My Stepchild

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In a perfect world, we would get along with everyone and be liked by everyone. However, we live in a world full of trials and tribulations. Our blended families don't always blend so well. For those of you that struggle to have a good relationship with a stepchild, this prayer challenge is for you.

God laid it on my heart to pray over very specific things regarding the stepchild I struggle with at times. It's a simple 5 days challenge.

Day one:

Lord, you know the struggles I'm facing with (Stepchild's name). I ask for you to just release his/her heart to you. I ask that you would let him/her be able to love freely without fear of betraying BM (maybe even a Stepdad). Let him/her see how you love people. Let me love him/her without restraint as well. Let me love (Stepchild's name) even if they don't love me or even like me right now. In my own hurts, let me reflect what unconditional love really looks like.

Help me to love him/her just as you love your children. I don't want any of my hurts or offense to get in the way that I love your children.

God remove anything in his/her heart that is broken. Remove any bitterness about the past in his/her hearts as well. I ask for you to make his/her hearts whole again. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Day two:

Lord, I ask that you would protect (Stepchild's name) eyes. Let him/her be able to see things in a light of truth. Even if they are young now, as time goes on, Lord, just show him/her the way. I know they might have seen things that aren't fair for any child to see.

Protect my eyes. Sometimes, I don't even see them in a light that you see them. So help me to do the same – love them like you would love them.

Lord maybe he/she sees me in a light that isn't quite how you see me. I pray you would take the veil from their eyes and reveal me as you perceive me – as your daughter. I pray that they would even see themselves as you see them. In Jesus Name. Amen

Day three:

God, I ask that you would just protect the ears of (Stepchild's name). I pray that you would put a covering over his/her ears. When there are things being said Lord they aren't accurate or even holy, Lord, help cover their ears to it. In the times when they hear things they shouldn't, help him/her be able to lay down things and give them to you.

Protect my ears as well. When he/she has said something unkind to me, help me to be able to release myself from those hurts things I've heard.

I also ask that you would protect their ears even while at school. Often time's kids can hear others talk and maybe feel unequipped, unloved or even different because they don't seem to be like the others. Lord, help (Stepchild's name) to be confident in our family situation no matter what they hear from the chatter of this world. In Jesus Name. Amen

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Day four:

Lord, let (Stepchild's name) be able to be free in their words. I pray that (Stepchild's name) be able to say my name freely without feeling like he/she is betraying. I pray that one day he/she would be able to freely speak of things he/she really wants to say without fear.

Let me also feel free in my words. Help me to speak words that would foster a healthy relationship with him/her.

As we carry on in our blended family, Lord, I just ask that he/she would be able to communicate his/her heart to us. I pray we all use our words just how you would have us in how we handle each other. In Jesus Name. Amen

Day Five:

God, as hard is it in to bless (Stepchild's name) sometimes because of my own hurts. Help me be able to love relentlessly. I pray blessings over him/her in everything he/she does. Let him/her be prosperous in this life. Let him/her find your blessings in all things. I pray he/she really just chases hard after you in life and has a deep relationship with you all of his/her days.

I pray that one day God; we will have a stronger relationship and a pure one at that. I pray that both of us would be able to move past the hurt of the past – whether we discuss what that really is or not. Let us move past things and get to an unbreakable relationship. In Jesus Name. Amen