

WHAT  
EVERY CHILD  
*should*  
KNOW ABOUT  
PRAYER

“Nancy Guthrie gives a gift for anyone seeking to help grow their children’s faith, especially as it concerns increasing in the knowledge and practice of prayer. Not only is ‘What Every Child Should Know About Prayer’ immensely practical and understandable, but it is intelligently and artfully designed for little readers.

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**YANCEY ARRINGTON**, TEACHING PASTOR, CLEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH, HOUSTON

“This is a beautiful book that teaches wonderful truths about the privilege of prayer. Nancy Guthrie writes in such a way that complex ideas are accessible even to young readers. This book is going to be treasured by parents who are eager to help their children talk with their Heavenly Father. I’m excited to use it with my grandchildren!”

**ALISTAIR BEGG**, SENIOR PASTOR, PARKSIDE CHURCH, CLEVELAND

“‘What Every Child Should Know about Prayer’ is a delightful book with warm and inviting illustrations, as well as helpful guidance on how to talk to God. Nancy Guthrie invites children to pray by teaching them truths about prayer, sharing stories of people who prayed, and providing prayers that children can pray on their own. This book is a wonderful resource for both children and parents!”

**MELISSA KRUGER**, AUTHOR OF “WALKING WITH GOD IN THE SEASON OF MOTHERHOOD”

“Praying to God is so simple a child can do it, but grown-ups often make it needlessly complicated. God wants an honest conversation about what’s true and what matters. In this disarmingly profound book, Nancy Guthrie awakens child-like faith. The format of the book is perfect for a child and parents to read at bedtime or breakfast. The illustrations are thoughtful. It will take a child from the pre-school to the graduate school of prayer, from the ABCs to the depths of wisdom. God’s beloved children [of all ages] will find this book boots-on-the-ground practical.”

**DAVID & NAN POWLISON**, CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING & EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

“It will only take a short time to read ‘What Every Child Should Know About Prayer’, but it can provide a lifetime of blessing.

Nancy Guthrie skilfully provides everything you need to teach your children to pray. Get prayer right and you give them access to heaven.”

**MARTY MACHOWSKI**, PASTOR, AND AUTHOR OF “THE OLOGY” AND “THE GOSPEL STORY BIBLE”

“There is nothing more important as a parent than teaching your child to pray. With children, you aren’t fighting uphill—they are cynical free. Nancy’s book will get you started on this wonderful journey. I’m going to get a copy for each of my children to use with our grandchildren.”

**PAUL MILLER**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SEEJESUS AND AUTHOR OF “A PRAYING LIFE”

“Little kids need to know that praying is a vital part of life. Nancy Guthrie’s ‘What Every Child Should Know About Prayer’ teaches them to seek God, no matter how young. Read this book to your kids again and again.”

**DEEPAK REJU**, PASTOR OF BIBLICAL COUNSELLING AND FAMILY MINISTRY, CAPITOL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, WASHINGTON AND AUTHOR OF “ON GUARD” AND “GREAT KINGS OF THE BIBLE”

“This is a wonderful book—biblical, simple, engaging, attractive! Just imagine a generation of children enjoying learning to pray, as they read and chat through these lovely pages!”

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“Nancy Guthrie has spread a rich feast on the topic of prayer—brilliantly served in bite-sized portions for children! With charming illustrations, ‘What Every Child Should Know about Prayer’ is nothing less than a biblical theology of prayer for children. Read just a bit each night and let God’s Word transform your family’s bedtime routine.”

**CHAMP THORNTON**, PASTOR AND AUTHOR OF “THE RADICAL BOOK FOR KIDS”, AND “PASS IT ON: A PROVERBS JOURNAL FOR THE NEXT GENERATION”

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## WE TALK TO GOD THROUGH PRAYER

We share life with people around us by talking to them about things that matter to us, and to them. In the same way, we share life with God by talking to him about things that matter to us, and to him. Even though we can't see God, we can talk to him through prayer.



“The eyes of the LORD watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers.”

1 PETER 3:12

## I CAN PRAY...

Thank you God for wanting me to talk to you.

# GOD HEARS US WHEN WE PRAY



God can hear us when we say our prayers out loud or when we talk to him from our hearts.

If we say them out loud or whisper them, it might help us keep our minds on what we want to say to him.

God has promised to hear the prayers of all people who belong to him.



“I love the LORD because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy.”

PSALM 116:1

## I CAN PRAY...

I love you Lord  
because you listen  
to my prayers.



WE CAN TALK TO GOD JUST LIKE  
WE TALK TO OTHER PEOPLE



AMEN

We don't have to use special words when we pray. We can talk to God like we talk to another person we love and respect. It makes God happy when we talk to him this way.

But one special word we sometimes use is to say "amen" at the end of our prayer. We say "amen" to show that we believe God has heard our prayer and will respond in his perfect way. We say "amen" when other people finish a prayer to show that we agree with what they prayed.



"When you pray, don't babble on and on ... for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!"

MATTHEW 6:7-8

I CAN PRAY...

I love to talk to you, God, the same way  
I talk to my friends and my family.