



Samuel hears God and serves God...

Day 25	It would seem that children laugh with ease - such a gift from a God. Thank God for their love and enthusiasm for life. Why not watch this video to help encourage you to laugh? https://youtu.be/TlrBoCXN4M8
Day 26	Walk round a park or school, listening to the voices of children. Pray that all children may be given a voice and be heard in all matters that concern them.
Day 27	Blow some bubbles https://artfulparent.com/how-to-make-homemade-bubbles/ . As you watch them, think of all the dreams that children have for the future. As the bubbles float, ask God to help realise those dreams. As the bubbles burst, ask God to lift up those children who feel their dreams have been squashed.
Day 28	Watch The Blessing Kids https://youtu.be/uiWZXLsdE9w . Thank God for all on their faith journey. Pray that the children are a blessing to others and that children may bless you too.
Day 29	Sit on the floor looking up at things higher than you. Think of the times children have been refused control or leadership because of their age. Pray that the church sees children as equals. .
Day 30	https://youtu.be/xBum_vntNlg Dance around the room while listening to this song, praying for God's plan be shared with all children of the world.
Day 31	Read, print and stick up somewhere in your church/ home a copy of the URC Charter for Children in the Church. Commit to praying more regularly for all children. https://urc.org.uk/images/Children-and-youth/documents/Charter for Children in the Church.pdf



Hannah prayed fervently and with perseverance...

Daily Prayer

Listening God,

*you hear us when we pour out our souls before you;
hear our prayer for all your children.*

Give us faith like Hannah,

*to pray to you for the life of our church that we may be a place and
a people where your children are present, welcomed and valued.*

*Prepare us to hear you through them and
to be led by children closer to you.*

Meet us in our prayers, in Jesus' name. Amen

Day 1	Sit quietly thinking about all the children in the world, those known to you and those not known. When you are ready, say the daily prayer.
Day 2	Lie in bed and think of all those children who are caring for others and need some rest.
Day 3	Make a bracelet to wear for the day. https://youtu.be/u5knLsLjlaE Alternatively, wear one you already have. Pray over those children you have a friendship with, ask God to strengthen them.
Day 4	Read Matthew 19: 4 and Jeremiah 1:5 and pray that all children know themselves to be valued and accepted, just as they are.
Day 5	Hold a stone in your hand as you read Isaiah 49: 15-16. Ask God to bring safety and justice to those children experiencing any type of violence in their lives.
Day 6	Place a map on your fridge with local schools and nurseries marked on it. Pray for all who attend and all who work there.
Day 7	Read the children friendly version of the UN rights for children. https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/ Pray that all children know their rights and that those rights always be respected.
Day 8	Many children live amongst chaos. Light a candle and sit in silence as you ask for God's peace in their lives.



Eli prays with Hannah...

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Day 9	Ask a friend/ family member who has children what they would like you to pray for.
Day 10	Plant and nurture a seed or watch a plant you see grow each day. Pray for God's goodness for children under 5 as they grow into the people God intended.
Day 11	Walk around your neighbourhood praying for all those who live around you, that good friendships and relationships be forged for those under 18.
Day 12	Eat some bread sticks or similar and pray for all children who hunger after the knowledge of God.
Day 13	Look for a spider's web, either outside or in the corners of your home. See how the web is linked together and overlaps. Pray for all those who are connected to a child's life.
Day 14	Name all or some of the family ministry-based activities which take place in your church or a nearby church. Pray for church-based toddler groups/ messy church/ junior church.
Day 15	Meditate on this statement: "Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity." <i>Kay Redfield Jamison</i> . Pray that all children have space and freedom to play, to explore life in all its glory.
Day 16	Form your empty hands into a cup shape. Pray with all who long for children, whether in their family/ friendship settings or their church or community.



Samuel grows up in stature and in favour with the Lord and with people

Day 17	Attach a padlock or a piece of ribbon or string to your bag, belt or similar. As you carry it with you through the day, pray that children are released from worry and anxiety.
Day 18	Use your camera or phone to photograph things/ places that highlight 'children and youth' (Do not take photos of actual children). Ask God to make you more aware of the children in your community.
Day 19	Look at one or some of the local school websites – pray for all activities happening there.
Day 20	Hold an item meant for babies, or a photo of babies, to focus your prayers on those just starting life.
Day 21	Look through your food cupboards and find something to donate to a food bank. Ask God to provide for all children so their basic needs are met.
Day 22	On a sticky label or piece of paper, write the words 'God goes with me'. Stick the label on the inside of your shoe. Each time you take off or put on your shoe, pray for those children who are unsure of what their future holds.
Day 23	Set a minute timer on a clock or set a count down timer. As it counts down, pray for all the different challenges and transitions that a child may go through, both in their day and their life.
Day 24	Print off an exam timetable or find something that might be used in an exam. Pray for those who are waiting for results.

