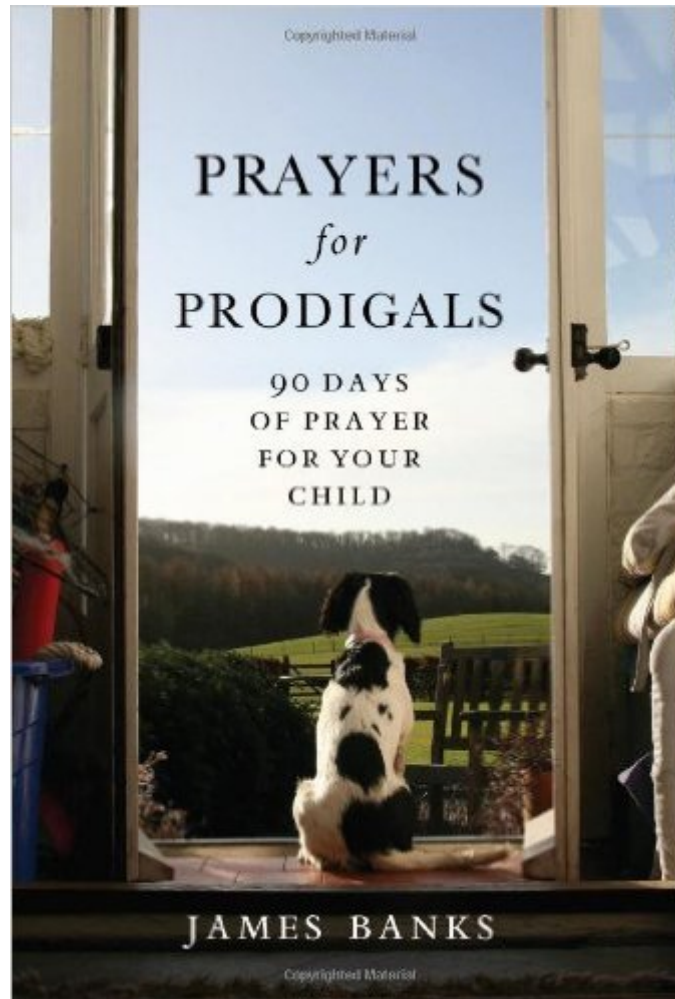


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Prayers For Prodigals: 90 Days Of Prayer For Your Child



Synopsis

When you're the parent of a prodigal, you know you can never pray enough. But how do you persevere when you're tired and discouraged? Prayers for Prodigals offers encouragement for parents to "come boldly before the throne of grace" and intercede daily for their children through a series of inspirational prayers. The book also includes fourteen brief reflections, which are drawn from Scripture and the writer's and others' personal experiences with prodigal children, such as Ruth and Billy Graham and Monica, the mother of Augustine. This unique and helpful book encourages and inspires parents in a sustained, daily prayer effort for their prodigal children.

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Customer Reviews

This was a wonderful book of prayers that parents can pray for their children. It consists of 13 weeks of prayers, a prayer for each day of 90 days. The prayers are scripturally based, providing inspiration and support to parents who are having some difficulties with or even worries about their children, young and old. Scriptural references are provided throughout the book. I found some of the prayers to be appropriate for any parent to pray for their child. I thought it was a great book of prayer and I would highly recommend this book to parents who are wanting to pray for the faith and salvation of their child. As parents, the lives and decisions of our children weigh heavy on our hearts, and this is one book that would help to begin a habit of praying daily for your son/daughter. It also provides a solid and faithful example of a life of prayer. Each week of prayers is preceded by an introduction for the focus of the prayers that week. The weekly introductions include personal stories from the author and biblical stories that add to the quality of the explanations. Each

introduction is encouraging and provides hope for the answer to prayer.

As a parent of a prodigal, I found myself in a dark, frightening place. I turned to *Prayers for Prodigals*, to help me get through many tearful days. My focus had been on the terrible things that were happening, and the heartache of slowly losing a precious daughter. Gratefully, I discovered that focusing my thoughts on prayer and Scripture helped to take the focus off my heart-crushing pain and onto the hope that one day things would change. I bought *Prayers for Prodigals* about 6 years ago and just pulled it off the shelf again recently. As I looked through the pages I was reminded of the painful journey our family took. Not only did *Prayers for Prodigals* help, but it caused me to look for other resources. After a diligent search, I finally discovered christianhelpline.com I found I could talk to a personal crisis manager who had first-hand experience herself, as a parent of a prodigal and who was now working to help others. I was delighted to discover that God had prepared others to help. As a woman, I found praying the prayers offered in this book and talking to someone who understood my heart, were wonderful blessings. Gratefully, I can say "thank you" today. Our daughter is now back in our life again! But what I also learned, was that I could say "thank you" even if that were not the case. God can bring beauty from our ashes. How great is that!

I had seen this book at someone else's house and asked to borrow it. I thought it was helpful enough that I wanted to get my own copy. I have been using the book for about a month now and have found it most helpful in praying for prodigals in my life. The prayers are divided by weeks, and at the beginning of each week is a short devotional story or incident that sets the tone for that week's prayers. I really appreciate that scripture is an integral part of each prayer. (Do be aware, however, that most scripture used is from the NIV Bible. If you are used to the KJV or NKJV, you may find this distracting. I keep my own Bible at hand as I pray.) I find that I don't pray the prayers word for word, but tend to personalize them and use them as a springboard for praying. Not all of the prayers will apply to every prodigal in your life, but all of them include scripture and scriptural principles that could be prayed for anyone. I have found that this resource has given a fresh focus and sharpness to my prayers for prodigals.

"Prodigals are not limited in gender, race, age, or color. They do have one thing in common: They have left home, and they are missed." Ruth Bell Graham
In James Banks' book, *Prayers for Prodigals*, he considers prodigals a blessing because they draw you to your knees in dependence

on God, teach you patience, and show you your own sin and need of forgiveness. The weekly meditations bring hope as you read of God's intervention in the lives of other prodigals and their families. God's love and promises are written throughout the pages. After the meditation, there are 90 days of prayers, three months' worth, for prodigals and their families. The author encourages you to pray with others, where two or more agree and ask, and it will be done by the Father (according to His will). Each of the days have a specific perspective as the parent of a prodigal. The prayers are Scripturally based as well as personal. In other words, praying God's word back to Him on behalf of a son or daughter. God understands the heart of a parent of a prodigal. After all, we are all prodigals to God, worldwide, until we come to Jesus. Though this book is for prodigals, I find that the prayers fit many situations because of the use of Scripture, including those in need of divine help, such as husbands, wives, parents, siblings, and any loved ones. With that in mind, this is a book that can be used daily for all circumstances with just a few changes of the wording. The conclusion at the back of the book includes a story of young William who had no time for his mother's Christian faith. It's a very touching example of a mother's prayers fulfilled. E.M. Bounds is quoted, "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world." Special thanks to Susan Otis, Creative Resources, for sending me a review copy.

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