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Stormie Omartian's bestselling The Power of a Praying series (more than 23 million copies sold) is rereleased with fresh new covers and new material to reach a still-growing market of readers eager to discover the power of prayer for their lives.

After 20 years of raising her son and daughter alongside her husband, Michael, Stormie looks back at the trials and joys of parenting and the power in praying for her children. In these easy-to-read chapters, Stormie shares from personal experience as to how parents can pray for their kids':

- * safety
- * character development
- * adolescence
- * peer pressure
- * school experiences
- * friends
- * relationship with God

This resource will help you to be an amazing praying parent whether your kids are three or thirty-three.

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Wendy says

Referred to me by COL Green, I Corps Commanding Chaplain.

Mary says

I have had my copy since 2002 and I still use it and read it. I find it helpful when I don't know where to start sometimes praying for my children. I love how she has so much scripture incorporated into her prayers as well for God has said that His word will not return void. I have seen God answer my prayers concerning my children. This book help me to realize that they belong to Him first and foremost and if anything I am to be faithful as a parent and leave the rest up to Him.

Leigh says

So if I were rating this book just for the prayers I would give it a 5. If I were rating the part where the author writes about each prayer topic I'd give it a 2. I should have just bought the book of prayers! The prayers are excellent and there's enough to pray one each day of the month for your child. Really liked this.

Now, I am a full believer in the power of prayer. But what I didn't care for in this book was the author's attitude that if you simply pray for your children bad things won't happen to them. I don't think that's how she meant it but that's how it came across at times. Examples like sharing how her son was in a car accident with friends and he wasn't injured but others were & how she felt it was because they have always prayed for protection for him. This type of example can leave a young parent feeling like their child is doomed to trouble if they miss a day of praying. Despite our most heartfelt prayers, God often allows & uses difficulty in our lives. That doesn't mean we stop praying. It just means that prayer doesn't guarantee a painless life. I wish the author would address this more.

Danielle Decker says

This book is a valuable tool for all parents who desire the best for their children. Having the best means being a child of God. Each of the 30 chapters in this book by Stormie Omartian is a different prayer topic and includes prayers and Bible verses. This is the second time that I have read The Power of a Praying Parent and will turn to it again and again.

Amy Walker says

This book was very instrumental in changing the way I pray for my children. It was one of those books I had

noticed a hundred times at people's houses or at book stores but was always reluctant to pick up. Finally, I did and it was totally God's timing. Reading through Stormie's very practical advice and suggestions for prayer it was literally helping me on a daily basis deal with some frustrating issues with my kids. I would recommend this book to all parents who are serious about advocating for their children through prayer.

Janelle says

Read my review on "Praying Wife" to hear my thoughts on the author herself. I found the same writing style reading her next book "Praying Parent" as I did "Praying Wife". In regards to the actual content, these are my thoughts:

I found it much more relevant than her other book as all the prayer points relate to children generally, as opposed to being based on certain aspects of their life, depending on what they are doing/where they are at (which was the case with praying for her husband). That said, I still found it a little awkward with the prayers as it's not my praying style. I don't think it was the author's intention to read it 'verbatim' anyway and each of the prayer points has certainly given me ideas of what to pray for my child, perhaps just in a different way or from a different perspective.

One of the most reassuring things I read in her book (especially being a 'new' mum myself), was contained in the chapter titled "Releasing My Child into God's Hands". The title does speak for itself, but I love what the author wrote:

"In an act more of desperation than obedience [author was constantly afraid of something happening to her child], I cried out to God concerning this. He immediately reminded me that Christopher was a gift to us from Him and that He cared even more about our son than we did." (pg 33)

How reassuring to know that, as parents, we aren't the only ones looking out for our children! Someone much greater is also watching out for them... the One who created them with as much love as He could give them.

CJ Bowen says

Think of Stormie as a wise and godly older Charismatic mom who is attending and contributing to your Bible study, rather than teaching the study. Let her share her thoughts, wisdom, and experiences, and you will benefit from a great deal of it. Occasionally, though, she'll need to be pushed to explain what she means by "releasing God's power". She'll benefit from being challenged as to whether she's thinking of prayer too mechanistically when she says that if she'd had praying parents, she and her sister wouldn't have had relational issues. When she talks about her understanding of children's salvation, the discussion leader will need to shush her, and give someone else the floor. When she advises choosing a church based on a child's consumeristic preferences, someone who loves her should take her aside afterwards and help her think through church differently.

But overall, I'm benefiting from reading the book, and I'm comfortable praying the prayers that she has written. The things I'm pointing out are more like crunching down on a stray Grape-Nut in a bowl of Cheerios than crunching down on a beetle in a bowl of Cheerios. It's unexpected, and I didn't mean for it to

be there, but I can still finish the bowl. All the same, if a Reformed book with similar aims appears, I'd love to read it.

The range of topics that she suggests, the amount of Scripture that saturates the pages she writes (even though occasionally mis-applied), the passion with which she prays, the confidence she has before God, and the wisdom of her parenting stories will be a great blessing to the moms. Learn from her Charismatic boldness in prayer, combine it with a Reformed sense of humility in prayer, and you'll be glad you invited her.

Adam Nelson says

An invaluable tool for parents. I think my only caveat with this book is that Omartian gets me worrying a bit more than I should be for my child's welfare. Every parent loses sleep because of their child, and when their child sleeps all the way through the night, we're all wondering if they're dead or just kept awake by thoughts of what could happen to them in the moment we're not there for them. I also worry about screwing my kids up, which I think just because I'm their dad, I'm already doing a good job of that, and this reading experience only exacerbates my fears. Nevertheless, if you want some assurance that you're doing everything you can to intervene in your child's life and keep them on the right path, just memorize the prayers in this book and try to be as perfect a parent as Omartian has proven to be. I'm not being sarcastic with that last. It takes unbelievable resolve just to keep our own "walk" perfect, something I've failed miserably to do, but this book is at the very least practical and keeps your mind focused on trying to do for your kids what you apparently can't do for yourself.

Camille Maio says

Excellent book full of suggestions, support, comfort, and detailed prayers. I prayed for each of my children by name after the chapters and felt a great sense of peace. I will definitely read more from this author.

Eleanor Hoppe says

Great guide to praying for your kids - adding a foundational element to praying with and for your children. Organized in small chapters so you can prioritize. Some of the narration can seem a bit over the top, but the topics covered are valuable and the prayers are powerful. My biggest hesitation is the sense that praying in this way comes across as a guarantee of a certain outcome - and that is not a promise I hear in scripture.

Latonya says

Our children need our prayers. The enemy is out to destroy their lives because to stop them is to stop generations to come who will expose his darkness to a dying world and lead many to Jesus Christ. If you are discouraged and don't know what to do about your children this is the book to read. If your children are on the right path, don't get cocky. We still have to maintain. This is the book for you as well.

Sandy says

I'm not a parent yet, but Husband and I are getting close to expanding our family. So when the opportunity came up to read and review The Power of a Praying Parent by Stormie Omartian, I jumped on it without thinking twice. I can't give you testimony of how these prayers have worked to change my children's lives because I just don't have children yet, but throughout her other books, Stormie Omartian has taught me that I don't have to wait until prayers are needed over a specific topic in order to begin lifting that subject up in prayer. I can begin by praying preventative prayers. And that's what I did while reading through The Power of a Praying Parent.

And yet, while I might not have children of my own to pray for them to attract and maintain Godly friends and role models or to live free of unforgiveness, I do know several young children that these prayers are needed in their lives. While I was reading The Power of a Praying Parent and praying preventative prayers for my future children, I was also praying over these subjects for the children that are already in my life, specifically my nieces and nephews.

I've discussed many times how much Stormie Omartian has taught me about prayer, and I've asked myself if it's truly necessary to read each of her books. I'm not sure it's necessary per se. Stormie Omartian does cover some of the same topics, stories, and messages in each of these books, but I've realized that repetition is good for me. It's necessary for my growth, because I forget so frequently the truths about prayer that she covers. I have also found that while she has taught me with each book how to pray specific, focused prayers, Stormie Omartian also presents a new way of looking at things for me, and she spells things out for me in a way that makes me think and challenge myself.

As per always, The Power of a Praying Parent is a guide with great principles that will point you back to Source. God's Word is the ultimate pattern and truth. Everything that Stormie Omartian discusses must be compared against God's Word. But ultimately, I think The Power of a Praying Parent is a must read for all parents and potential parents. Starting your child's life off with focused prayer is the best way to ensure they grow into all that God has for them throughout their lives.

The Power of a Praying Parent gets 4.5 Stars from me. Have you read The Power of a Praying Parent? What did you think? Let me know!

Somewhere Only We Know

Linda Sedillo says

I would strongly recommend this book to all parents. It contains amazing prayers on everything we should be praying for our children. Sometimes we forget God wants us to pray for every single thing in our children's lives. I am extremely grateful to have read this book.

Joanna says

This is one of my favorite non-fiction Christian books. I've been humbled over the last fifteen years at how little control I have over my children's choices and actions. Prayer, when I follow the daily, active discipline, has allowed me to "let go and let God." I gave my copy of this book to a friend who really needed it, and Pam's review reminded me to buy another!

Melva says

We need all the help we can get in this messed up world and I believe in the power of prayer. This book gives messages on character development, peer pressure, school, friends, relationship with God, family relationships, etc. and teaches you how to pray for our children (whether 3 or 35) - or, for your grandchildren.
