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A WORD TO PARENTS

THE WORDS that come from the mouths of children are important! The Bible says something particularly unique about children in Psalm 8:2, which says, *“Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants, You have ordained strength because of Your enemies, to silence the enemy and the avenger”* (MEV).

Notice that it’s the voice of the young who carry a special ability to silence the work of the enemy. It’s their decrees, prayers, and words that put a stop to the works of darkness. One key reason this is true is children are less likely to analyze things in their minds and think of all the reasons something miraculous cannot take place in whatever situation they encounter. They are often quicker to believe in the power of their prayers than adults are when the situation seems impossible.

It’s also often the generation of the young who are the reformers and revivalists of their time. First John 2:13 says, *“I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father”* (NKJV). It was the younger generation who had the ability to war against the forces of darkness along with children who carry a simple, innocent trust in the heavenly Father. First John 2:14 goes on to elaborate this point by saying, *“I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one”* (NKJV).

God is using children and young people in this important time in history to overcome evil, and He is using their voices and prayers to speak and prophesy God’s will and plan in the earth. Not only are they being used in these end times as mighty warriors in the world, they are also carrying that same anointing for their own lives and families. Children declaring and praying out the Word and will of God are powerful, and that’s why teaching your kids to decree God’s promises with boldness will impact their lives with miraculous results. Children can bring the blessing of God to a family and household because of their radical, unhindered words of faith!

As kids declare the prayers and decrees in this book, their assurance will solidify in the wonderful things God wants to do for them. These decrees include everything from physical health to life at school, building personal confidence, and many more topics that relate to young people.

Be encouraged to take some time on a regular basis to help your children speak these decrees out loud, look up the Bible verses, and understand the short word of encouragement on each page. I believe as you encourage them to use their voice and decree these words, it will build a lasting stamina inside them to stand for God and His will for their lives. I believe it will build faith inside you too! Remember, things happen when kids declare God's promises!

HEY KIDS!

Do you know that your voice is very powerful? That's because words are powerful. They have the ability to build us up or tear us down. We need to use our words to speak things that build us up! We need to speak strong words in prayer that are from the Bible and are full of confidence and faith. Have you ever noticed how easy it is to speak the wrong things when something doesn't go right or when we are afraid? Lots of people speak negative things when they are having a hard time, but we don't have to do that! We can trust in God's promises and, because of that, speak positively in every situation.

This book of prayers and decrees is important because it's meant to help you not only speak the right things but to remind the devil that he cannot succeed in his attacks against you.

You might be asking, "What is a decree?" Well, to put it simply, it's a bold order or a commandment. A decree is a group of words that are used to say how things must be followed, similar to how a king might put a written or spoken law before his citizens. He tells the people what the rules are, and they have to follow it.

When we decree or boldly speak God's promises from the Bible, we are reminding ourselves how God expects things to turn out for us. We are building our confidence that God is fighting for us in every situation so it turns out according to His rules. When we decree or speak God's promises we are also commanding the enemy to submit to what God has said. We are

letting the devil know what God's rules are and that he is not allowed to break them!

You have a special ability given by God to decree His commands and promises, and I believe as you use these prayers and decrees each day, it will set you up for success! They will remind you not to feel down when you face something challenging. It's also important to declare them out loud so your own ears can hear you say them. It will build strength and faith in your heart. Whether at home or school, your words are a powerful tool that will cause God's promises to be seen in your life. Isn't that exciting? So, stand up strong and confident today because things happen when *you* decree!

I AM STRONG!

DECREE that I am strong because the Lord makes me strong.

I declare I am not weak, nervous, or frightened by anything.

I say that I have mental and physical ability.

I declare that anything the enemy would do to make me feel unable or unfit cannot succeed against me in Jesus' Name!

The supernatural strength of the Lord works inside me. That means in everything I do, I can stand confident. I can perform tasks with great ability and energy because I am strong.

Weakness has no place in my mind and no place in my body because I am strong in the Lord!

SCRIPTURE

Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10 NKJV).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

There are lots of things in life that can try to make us feel weak. Sometimes that weakness is a feeling of physical weakness. Maybe we aren't feeling well, or we don't think we are athletic like others. Sometimes we might feel weak in our mind because we don't think we are good at something. There are many things that can try to make us feel weak, but God doesn't want us to feel that way! He wants us to feel strong! Why? Because God promises that He will give us His strength. We don't always know how God does that, but we know it's His promise to us. All we have to do is ask Him for strength when we feel weak or unable.

We also need to say that we are strong and not spend too much time thinking about our weaknesses. We also have to be careful about what we say! We shouldn't be speaking weakness over ourselves. While it's good to understand the differences between the things we are really good at and the

things we aren't as good at, we can't let weakness be the thing we focus on. Focus on what you are good at today and know that the Lord will give you strength where you need it. Declare you are strong!

GOOD FRIENDS AND FRIENDSHIPS

I DECREE that I have good friends and friendships. The Lord helps surround me with the right people who lift me up. I declare that the friends around me treat me right, and I treat them right.

I say that the friends I have are dependable and kind.

I decree that any people who only pretend to be my friend but don't care about me are kept away by the Lord.

I declare that any people the enemy would try to bring in my life to mistreat me will be stopped in Jesus' Name! I say that I have good friends, I make friends, and the right friendships come into my life!

SCRIPTURE

Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family (Proverbs 18:24 MSG).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Having good friends is important to everyone. It's important to feel like there are people around you who have your back and care about you. Friends are important because they play a special part in helping us have fun, not feel alone, and also have people to talk to. But making good friends isn't always that easy! Sometimes there are people we meet, perhaps at school or even at church, who don't always treat us right. Other times, maybe we are just nervous to meet new friends because we are a little shy about meeting new people.

Know that the Lord wants you to have good friends! You can ask Him to help you meet good friends who will be a blessing in your life. God will also teach you how to be a good friend to others if you ask Him. You can say, "Lord, help me meet good friends and show me how to be a friend." Guess what? God will help you do that! We can't make friends with everyone, but we can pray and declare that the right friends will come in

our life and that any person the devil would try to bring will be stopped.
Ask the Lord to give you good friends and friendships!

BRIGHT AND SMART

DECREE that I am a smart and bright person. I learn everything quickly and I can understand directions.

I declare nothing is too hard for me to learn when I apply myself to learn it. I declare that I am focused and connected in school and on all my assignments. I have the ability to get good grades and do well on tests.

I declare that I grasp the things being taught quickly and easily. I say that I have the knowledge and ability to complete new things with confidence. I do not fall behind or struggle to excel because the Lord has made me bright and smart!

SCRIPTURE

But we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16 NKJV).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

When the Bible says we have the mind of Christ, it means we have the same kinds of thoughts that Jesus does. We believe like Jesus believes and we do what He would do. Having the mind of Christ also means our mental abilities are sharp. It means we can trust that the Lord will give us a bright and smart mind so we can learn successfully. Don't let anyone ever tell you that you can't learn something.

Sometimes people say unkind things and try to make us believe we aren't smart enough to do certain things. If anyone ever says something like that to you, you just remind yourself what God says about you! God believes you are smart. He made your mind and He made you, so He already knows you have amazing skills inside you. He gave you a good mind with the ability to learn and understand things.

Of course, we need to make ourselves focus and be disciplined to learn too. If we work hard then we can know that the Lord will help us learn, understand, and do well! Everyone feels good when they do well, don't

they? Of course, God is always there to help you. Remember every day that the Lord has made you a bright and very smart person!

SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL

I DECREE that I do well in school. I have the ability to learn quickly, complete my assignments, and pass tests. I say that I will receive awards and extra points. I have creative ideas from the Lord.

I declare that I am successful in school with others. I have favor with the teachers, my friends and peers, and everyone I meet.

I declare that I will not be bullied, pushed around, or disliked in Jesus' Name.

I say that in school I am protected by God's heavenly angels who watch over me and that no harm or evil can befall me or my school.

I say my days at school are good days, not bad days.

I decree that I have a good school year, this year and every year!

SCRIPTURE

The Lord will guarantee a blessing on everything you do (Deuteronomy 28:8).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

School days are meant to be good days, but they can often be filled with challenges. Trying to finish assignments, pass a test, and also manage friendships can be a lot to do sometimes! Some years are harder than others depending on who your teachers are, what friends you meet, and what classes you have to take. But God doesn't want your time at school to be difficult. In fact, He promises that everything you do will be blessed by Him. The Bible verse above reminds us that the Lord will *guarantee* a blessing on everything you do.

Sometimes days at school may not feel blessed because we don't know about this promise. Consider what can happen if you will begin each day declaring that God will bless everything you need to do that day. Even if you know there are challenging things to face that day, start saying God will

guarantee His blessing. Then watch God get in the middle of everything in front of you. God wants you to be blessed at school and to know that He is with you to make it happen. Declare that you are successful in school!

I AM HEALTHY

DECREE that I am healthy and strong. I declare that I live free from all forms of disease and illness. I serve the Lord who has promised to keep me well and healthy. I say that I am healthy! I am free from pain and sickness, and I live a good and blessed life. I take authority over sickness in Jesus' Name! I believe in God's promises for healing and that I will have good health. I say that I am not tired, sick, or sad, but I am strong, healed, and joyful!

I declare the promises of God work in my mind and in my body causing me to always enjoy days that are free from sickness. I am healthy in Jesus' Name!

SCRIPTURE

You must serve only the Lord your God. If you do, I will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness (Exodus 23:25).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

No one likes not feeling well or having to miss out on things because they are sick. Sickness is something that tries to attack us sometimes, but there are many promises in the Bible that show God's best for us is to be healthy and well. In fact, the Bible promises that God is committed to heal us and that Jesus provided healing to us through His death on the cross (see Isaiah 53:4-5). The Bible also reveals that sickness is an attack of the enemy. Satan wants to bring sickness on people, but the Bible also says that we have the power to resist the work of the devil. James 4:7 says, "*Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*"

Making a habit of trusting God's promises for healing will help us stand up to things like sickness and pain. Declaring we are healed and healthy even when we aren't feeling sick is also a defense against the attack of sickness. Think of it like taking your vitamins every morning. Just like

vitamins build your immunity against sickness, so does declaring God promises for healing. Begin each day by saying, “I am healthy!”

HAPPY AND JOYFUL!

I DECREE that I live happy and joyfully each day. The Lord is with me and puts His joy inside my heart. I choose to be happy and see all the good things in my life. I make the choice not to focus on the sad things. I say that all sadness that comes from the devil has to leave me in Jesus' Name!

I declare any weakness, sickness, or tiredness in my body that would try to steal my joy has to leave me.

I say that I have strength from the Lord's supernatural joy inside me.

I have lots of reasons to laugh, smile, feel happy, and sing! I declare each day is good because it is the day the Lord has made, and I rejoice in it!

I speak that I am happy—I feel happy because the Lord's joy lives inside of me!

SCRIPTURE

Do not be sad for the joy of the Lord is your strength
(Nehemiah 8:10).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the most important things we must know about God is that He wants us to live happy lives. He wants us to experience good days at school, at home, and with friends. He also provides us good things that make life better—things like good food to eat and clothes to wear. Of course, being joyful in life doesn't always mean everything goes perfectly. What's special about the joy God gives us is that it can work even in situations that make us feel sad or upset. His joy can work even when things don't go just right. For example, we can feel joyful even when someone at school doesn't treat us well or when we didn't do well on a project.

One way we get the joy that God gives to work for us is by speaking about it. We can decree that we have His joy at all times, both good and bad! That's why the verse above says His joy gives us strength. It can work

inside us even when we feel weak. You can wake up each day and say that you will not be sad because God's joy is inside you and will make you strong. Remember, you have lots of reasons today to be happy and joyful because His joy is inside you!

CREATING COOL THINGS

I DECREE that I am creative, gifted, and talented. I have special skills from God working in me. My mind imagines how to create and design amazing and helpful products, materials, and arts.

I declare that I will not allow my mind to think I am ungifted or incapable. I say that I will use my skills to the best of my ability.

All my talents come from God, and I will use them for His glory!

I say that the things I create receive awards and applause.

I decree that even in times when it seems what I have tried to create didn't work out, I will keep trying and building.

I am a child of God, and I can create really cool things! Amen!

SCRIPTURE

The Lord has given them special skills as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple, and scarlet thread on fine linen cloth, and weavers. They excel as craftsmen and as designers (Exodus 35:35).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

God gives every one of us special talents. This is so important to know because sometimes people or even the enemy can make us think we aren't good at things. He can make us believe we just aren't as talented as someone else, but that simply isn't true. Sure, we may not be like someone else, but we can't focus on that. We have to see the things we are good at doing.

One of the biggest things people who create amazing things do is they believe in the skills they have. Not only do we have to believe in the skills and talents we have, but we also have to remember that it's God who gave us those abilities. When you focus on that and talk like you believe that's true, your gifts and talents will begin to grow. Know today that the Lord has

given you the ability to design and create and that will at some point get noticed! Go ahead and create some really cool things today!

THE LORD IS MY HELPER

DECREE today that I trust in the Lord who helps me with everything. I don't have to worry or be fearful of anything. I am confident God is always by my side. He is working out everything in my life and helping me get through difficult situations. He is helping me with every problem.

He helps me at school and at home.

I reject any feelings that I am alone or without help!

I say that I don't have to worry about what people do or say because God takes care of me! God is always on my side and is fighting for me!

I declare the Lord is my helper! Amen!

SCRIPTURE

So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6)

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Sometimes when we face challenges or have to deal with people who aren't kind to us, it's tempting to think we are alone. This is what the devil wants us to believe. He wants us to think everyone is against us and we have no one to help us handle hard times. Perhaps there are times when you are at school and away from your parents and it seems that no one understands you or cares about what you are going through. Maybe you feel like you are struggling to find faithful friends. Sometimes working on hard subjects at school or passing tests can make us feel helpless too! But remember, God is always there, and you can trust that He is helping you.

It's important to make sure we think about that regularly during the day. We need to remind ourselves that He is helping us by saying so. So next time you get ready to take a test or have to deal with someone who isn't being nice, think about God standing by you. By speaking the declaration

above, we can gain the confidence that we have God's help beside us all the time. Keep saying, "The Lord is my helper!"

SWEET DREAMS!

I DECREE that I get good rest and amazing sleep. I am never afraid at bedtime and I am not fearful of anything. I am happy when it's time to go to bed!

I declare that I fall asleep quickly and peacefully because the Lord gives me good rest! I sleep comfortably at night, and I thank God for providing me a good bed to sleep in and the perfect pillow for my head!

I sleep soundly and don't wake up during the night! I declare nothing shall interrupt my sleep. I say that all my dreams are good dreams. I say that I will not have bad dreams or nightmares in Jesus' Name!

I am a child of God, and that means I always rest and sleep well!

SCRIPTURE

You can go to bed without fear; you will lie down and sleep soundly (Proverbs 3:24).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Sleep is pretty important isn't it? Yet sometimes our sleep can get interrupted by things. Maybe it's fear that interrupts our sleep, or sometimes we just feel restless. But one of God's key promises is that He is the one who wants us to rest peacefully. Also, He will help us sleep well. He has given us the power over anything from the devil that would try to steal our peaceful sleep. We can declare that we have only good dreams when we sleep and that our mind will not be invaded by bad dreams.

Another thing that can help us sleep well is being sure to straighten our bed before sleeping in it. That's why it's helpful to make your bed in the morning! Little things like fixing our bed and fluffing up our pillow can help us rest. It's also important to go to bed early enough so you have time for a full night of sleep. We all need that! Just know today that God is the one who gives us sleep, and we should look forward to bedtime and always having a good night's rest! Sweet dreams!

GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

I DECREE good things happen in my life! I live every day expecting good news and happy times! I expect each day to be filled with good and not bad. I speak to this day and say, “All is well! It’s gonna be a good day!”

I look forward to the good things God wants to bring me today. In Jesus’ Name, I take authority over any attack of the enemy that would try to bring bad news into my day or cause bad reports to come. I am expecting to receive happy messages, joyful feelings, good news, blessings, gifts, and surprises.

I say that good things always happen in my life because Jesus came to give me a life full of everything I need.

Good things are happening today!

SCRIPTURE

Good news from far away is like cold water to the thirsty
(Proverbs 25:25).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Good news and good things are something we all want to happen every single day! No one likes to hear bad news, right? Did you know that God likes us to receive good news? The Bible verse above talks about how good news is like a drink of cool water when you are really thirsty! God wouldn’t show us how wonderful getting good news is if it was something He didn’t want us to expect regularly.

So much of the time the world, which is full of a lot of bad news, conditions us to expect bad things to happen. It can make us worry that something bad might be around the corner, but that’s not what God wants us to expect! Now this doesn’t mean bad things will *never* happen; it just means the good things will outweigh that bad. We should expect far more good news than bad news!

Someone once said, “It’s a good day to have a good day!” That’s an attitude that is expecting good things to happen instead of just thinking something bad might show up. Today, begin expecting good things to happen to you because that is what God wants for you!

GOD HOLDS MY HAND

I DECREE that I am being held by God's hand. He is always leading me and guiding to where I should go. Because He holds my hand, I will not fall. I declare that I am safe from attacks, injuries, and accidents because God has me by the hand. I remind the devil that he cannot trip me because I am in God's hand.

The Lord's hand is helping me and keeping me on the right path as He leads me. He holds me by my right hand, which means I have His favor working alongside me in everything I do. God is helping me know where to go and how to make the right choices. I am held today by God's right hand, and I do not have to be afraid of anything in Jesus' Name!

SCRIPTURE

For I hold you by your right hand—I, the Lord your God. And I say to you, “Don’t be afraid. I am here to help you” (Isaiah 41:13).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

When God says in the Bible that He holds us by His right hand, we can trust that we are being held up and will not fall! When you hold someone's hand, it means you go wherever they go. What an amazing thought that wherever God goes, we are right there with Him because He doesn't let go of us! Think about holding your parents' hands. Their hands were bigger and stronger than yours and kept you from falling or getting lost. This is how we should see God's hand. It leads and guides us even when we don't realize it!

The verse above also says He holds us by our right hand, which is a sign of His favor. It reveals He is on our side no matter what we face in life. God holding your hand means He isn't going to allow you to get lost. Trust that He's got you today and His mighty hand is strong enough to take care of you!

MY FAMILY IS BLESSED

I DECREE God's blessing upon my family. I say we are a family who serves God and has His blessing on us. I say that nothing from the devil can harm my family or tear our family apart in Jesus' Name! We love one another, we work together, and we grow together. Because our family serves the Lord, we will always stay strong. We will always live in God's goodness and blessings. I declare that we prosper in everything we do, and we have everything we need. I say that our family never lacks anything.

God's grace is upon my family, and I say we are all healthy and strong.

Sickness, disease, and pain cannot harm my family.

I say my family is blessed in everything, all the time, and in every way in Jesus' Name! Amen!

SCRIPTURE

The wicked die and disappear, but the family of the godly stands firm (Proverbs 12:7).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Did you know that your prayers and declarations for your family are very powerful? God's loves families, and we can see all through the Bible how He blesses families. But in many cases God's blessings came on those families because someone asked God to bless them. They asked God to take care of their family and keep them safe.

You can ask God to bless your family in that same way today. Ask Him to bless your parents and siblings. Our verse above says that God will keep the family of the godly standing strong and firm. That promise should give you the confidence that if God is blessing your family nothing that is evil can overcome any of your loved ones! Keep declaring your family is blessed!

BLESS MY CHURCH

DECREE God's blessing upon my church. I speak blessings over my pastor, the church staff, and all the people in the church. I declare God's power rests in my church and that the Holy Spirit's presence will be there. I say that my church is able to do everything it needs to do to spread the Gospel.

I say that no harm or evil can come against my church family in Jesus' Name. I decree that people in my church love one another and build one another up.

I say my church is a place of joy, blessing, and healing. People love my church and are excited to come! It's a place where people can make friends and become closer to God

I say my church is blessed!

SCRIPTURE

My dear brothers and sisters in the faith, with the love we share in the Holy Spirit, fight alongside me in prayer (Romans 15:30 TPT).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

God wants us to pray for the church we attend! Why? Because prayer is one element that helps churches succeed. In our scripture above, it was Paul the apostle who asked for prayer. He was an important leader in the church and knew that prayer would help him be a better leader and build a better ministry. Plus, it's important that we pray for each other in the church because the prayers of our friends help us become stronger. When we pray for our church and the people there, it helps people grow closer together.

In the verse above, Paul said he wanted people to fight alongside him in prayer. Prayer with and for your friends and church, and also your pastor, helps everyone become a better Christian. When that happens, it helps the

church stand against the attacks of the devil, and it makes people want to come there and know the Lord. Remember to pray for your church!

I CAN DO ALL THINGS

DECREE that I have the ability to do everything I am supposed to do. It's because of the strength I have in Christ that no task is too hard.

I declare strength, ability, and know-how over me.

I will not see any responsibility as too difficult. I say that I do what is expected of me with a good attitude. I say that I complete every assignment and get good grades.

I say that I am not too tired to work hard and complete my goals.

I declare I can do all things!

SCRIPTURE

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength
(Philippians 4:13).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

When the Bible tells us we can do all things through Christ in us, it is saying we that have the ability to complete whatever tasks are required of us and do them successfully. When we think we aren't good at things, we don't try. God wants us to see that we don't have to think that way. For example, in school you might think you aren't good at math or science, so you don't want to try. That's when we remind ourselves that if Jesus lives inside us, He will help us succeed. The next time you are given a job or assignment that isn't your favorite or that you don't feel you are good at, know that the Lord will give you the strength to do it and do it well! Declare that you can do all things!

THE LORD IS SMILING AT ME!

I DECREE that I always remember God's eye is upon me. I am the center of His focus because He loves and cares for me. God, You are smiling at me because of am the apple of Your eye. I declare that I will never feel rejected and overlooked because the Lord's arms surround me with His love.

I am protected and hidden in the shadow of God's wings.

When the Lord sees me, He is joyful because He made me. Today I can smile because God is smiling at me!

SCRIPTURE

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings (Psalm 17:8 NIV).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

There can be hard times in life that can make you feel as though no one cares about you. People can say unkind things and make you think that you aren't important. First, we have to remember there are always people who care about us. It's the devil who wants us to believe no one cares, and we have to always remember that. But it's also important to remember that God cares for us. The Bible says we are the apple of His eye. That means He is looking at us with joy because we are His children. He loves us so much that He surrounds us with His love—kind of like a big hug! Whenever you feel people aren't caring for you or maybe you've just had a hard day, know that God is looking at you and smiling, and His loving arms are always around you!

FEAR MUST GO

I DECREE that every kind of fear has to leave me. Fear is not allowed to control me, follow me, or enter my mind. God has not given me a spirit of fear. Fear is from the devil, and I command all the work of the devil to leave in Jesus' Name!

Fear, you have to go right now!

I declare I am not afraid because I am filled with the power of God that pushes all fear away. I am full of God's love that helps me know I will always be protected. I have a mind that is filled with peace and so there is no need to be fearful.

Because God is taking care of me, all fear must go!

SCRIPTURE

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the biggest things the devil likes to use against us is to make us afraid. Many of the things we are afraid of are things that will never happen to us or things that aren't as bad as we imagined them. It can be as simple as a fear about taking a test or completing a difficult assignment. We need to remind ourselves that God doesn't want us to be imagining how something bad might happen or might not turn out right. When the enemy tries to send fearful thoughts and get us to think about how something might go wrong, we need to remind him that we aren't controlled by fear.

God isn't the one who makes us afraid. God has filled us with His love that reminds us that He will always be there for us. God has filled us with power that overcomes fear. You have the power inside you to stand up to fear today and command it to leave! The Lord has also given us a mind of peace so that we don't have to worry about things. Don't let yourself be fearful today. Rise up and declare, "Fear has to go!"

MY PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

DECREE that I always receive answers to my prayer. I am confident today because the Lord loves to answer prayer! He loves to say yes to me!

I don't worry about not receiving the things I need from God.

Jesus has promised that when I ask, the Lord will answer.

I am thankful for the answer to my prayers, and I declare that anything the enemy would try to do to stop it is bound in Jesus' Name!

Heaven's blessing is upon my life, and I know that God hears me. My prayers are answered!

SCRIPTURE

Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it! (John 14:14)

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the best truths we can know as God's children is that He loves to answer prayer. The Bible is filled with verses about God answering people's prayers when they call out to Him. He loves to bless His children with good things, and He is faithful to provide for the things we need. Remember that Jesus promised that He came to give us an abundant life (see John 10:10). That means our lives are to be fulfilling and blessed in every way. Jesus is the one who said He will make sure our prayers are answered. So don't let yourself believe that God is not hearing you. Instead, stand strong and declare, "My God always hears me, and my prayers are answered!"

GOD WITH ME IN THE DARKNESS

DECREE that I am confident God is always with me when it's dark and during times when life feels surrounded by darkness. I am not afraid during the nighttime because the Lord watches over me. He is with me at all times. He is with me when things seem gloomy and overcast. I am not afraid of the dark shadows of fear or evil because the shadow of God's wings covers me.

I feel safe and protected from evil.

I will not be afraid because God is always with me in the darkness!

SCRIPTURE

Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night (Psalm 91:5).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Darkness is something that is often connected to things that are scary and make us afraid. At some point everyone has probably felt afraid of the dark! That's because darkness seems to be the time when evil is more obvious. But the Bible reminds us that darkness is a time when we truly don't have to be afraid. Darkness doesn't have to be marked by evil or fearful things.

Remember, the Bible says in Genesis 1 that God made both the night and the day. He is the Lord over the darkness, not the devil! This means we should know that God is there in the darkness at all times. He watches over us as we sleep and makes sure nothing bad can happen. So remember, if it's nighttime or even during times in life that feel a little dark, God is watching over you and is always there! He is with you in darkness!

HONOR ALL THE TIME

DECREE that I am a person of honor. I always do what is right and I consider and honor other people. I honor God with my whole heart, and I keep His commandments. I declare I am a person who honors what is right and that I do not follow after what is wrong.

I honor my parents and do what is expected at home as they teach me about life, how to develop proper boundaries, and lead me according to God's Word. I speak to my parents with respect and manners.

I honor my teachers and those in authority as they work to help me learn good principles and social skills.

I decree in every situation, even at times when not everything seems fair, that I choose to act honorably and mannerly. I am a person who honors all the time!

SCRIPTURE

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other (Romans 12:10).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the best qualities we can have is honor. To be a person of honor means that we treat others right; we choose to obey the right principles even when others around us do not. Honor includes having good manners and obeying rules that are designed to help us grow and develop into quality people. Of course, God does not expect us to obey rules or demands that do not uphold His Word or that are harmful. In fact, being a person of honor also includes choosing *not* to follow that which is wrong.

One of the greatest elements of honor is to first honor God. The Bible has many verses about putting the honor of God first. When we honor Him by being obedient to His Word and commandments, then we will be ready to properly honor others and treat them in a right way. A key to becoming a person of honor is declaring that you honor all the time!

A GOOD DAY!

I DECREE that today will be not only a good day, but a great day! I expect it to be a great day because the Lord made today. He is planning a good day for me filled with good things.

I declare all the plans of the enemy to make it a bad day are bound and cannot succeed, in Jesus' Name! I say that I will not focus on the things that seem negative or difficult.

I declare that I am happy today and am looking forward to the many good things that will happen today.

I decree today will be a good day, and even a great day!

SCRIPTURE

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

There is a well-known saying: "Make today a great day." Another saying is, "It's a good day to have a good day." There are two really cool things we can learn from these sayings. First, God made today, and that means we need to be glad. It means it's a good day for a good day! Second, we have a part to play in deciding how today will turn out. We can choose to *make* today good by our attitude toward things.

Sometimes there are challenges or difficulties in our day, but this doesn't mean that our day needs to be ruined or that we need to say it was a bad day. We need to sometimes look at the tougher times and see them the way God does.

God sees us overcoming those tough times. He knows that good times will keep arising, and if we remember that, it will make harder days feel better. So as you set out today, decide what kind of day you want it to be. Thank God for today and have a joyful heart that He gave you this day to

praise Him and enjoy life. *Choose* to make today good and get ready for a really great day!

I AM SPECIAL

DECREE that I see myself as the special person God has made me to be. I am confident in who He says I am.

I see all the good qualities God has placed upon and within me.

I declare that I will not see myself less than who I am. In Jesus' Name, I take authority over the devil who would try to make me feel unimportant or worthless.

I have been made by God!

The Lord has taken great care to create me with unique qualities that no one else has. Because I am made by God, I am a wonderful person.

I decree today that I am special!

SCRIPTURE

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made
(Psalm 139:14 NIV).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

It's an amazing thing to realize that God made each one of us unique. We have qualities that no one else on earth has! God devoted His time to make us who we are. That is something to be thankful about! In fact, did you know that no person on earth has the same thumbprint? God gave each of us our very own. Every part of us is unlike anyone else. People can sometimes treat us as if we aren't important or like we are worthless, but that's when we have to remember how much God put in us. Also, think about how God made us in His own image (see Genesis 1:26). It means you are an exact copy of God Himself! That's pretty special isn't it? So next time you feel like you don't measure up or you are somehow unimportant, just remind yourself that God made you special. He took His time so you can say today, "I am special!"

KINDNESS AND LOVE

I DECREE that I am loving and I am kind. I treat others how I want to be treated. I declare that I have the ability to show God's kindness in every situation.

I show the love of God to others, even when they are unkind, and I forgive them.

In Jesus' Name, I break the power of anything the enemy would try to use to make me act rude, unkind, and mean-spirited.

I say that I am known to be a kind person who helps others in their times of need. I lift others up when they are down.

I am a person who shows the loving-kindness of God everywhere I go!

SCRIPTURE

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32 KJV).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Kindness is so needed in today's world, isn't it? There seem to be a lot of unkind people around, and so it's pretty special when we meet kind people. Kind people just stand out—in a good way! There is something about being around a kind person that just helps you feel good. Kind and loving people help your day go better, so think about how you make people feel when you are kind to them.

Part of being kind is learning how to forgive people when they aren't kind to you. Holding a grudge or being angry at others in your heart just makes you feel worse. But being able to show love and kindness gives you that feeling of having done the right thing.

Remember, God is kind. Think about how kind He has been to us! God is kind even when people treat Him disrespectfully, and that is a quality we

should have. Kind people are also helpful to others when they need it, just the way God is to us. So declare today that you are a kind person, and watch how someone will be blessed by your kindness!

PRAYER FOR MY FRIENDS

I DECREE blessing over my friends today. I speak that they are blessed, protected, and safe. I call upon the Lord to touch their hearts with His love. May they come to know God in a real and genuine way.

I declare that nothing evil shall touch my friends in Jesus' Name.

I say they are healed, provided for, joyful, and successful.

I speak that whatever they need is provided by the Lord.

I call for the angels to stay near them and care for them.

Today I say that all my friends—at school, at church, in my neighborhood, or wherever they might be—are in God's hands and all is well with them!

SCRIPTURE

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them (1 Timothy 2:1).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Praying for our friends and even our family is one of the greatest things we can do. It's not just a nice thing to do, but it's also something the Bible teaches us we *should* do. Just knowing someone is truly praying for you is a good feeling. It's a true expression of love when someone gives their time in prayer. Praying for others, especially our friends, can also help our friendships grow because it makes us better people. Praying for others helps you because it helps you see them as God sees them. It can help you treat them better.

Prayer for others also helps the one who is prayed for because they can begin to receive from the Lord and their needs in life can be met. Consider making a short list of people you should pray for on a regular basis. Use the prayer declaration above to speak a blessing over them, and then add some

specific things that you know about them. Ask God to help them in those areas. If you know someone who is hurting in some way, ask God to touch that area of their life and bring healing. Know that when you take time to pray for others, God will ensure there are those in your life who will be praying for you! Finally, praying for others helps us not to think of ourselves so much. It reminds us how important other people are. So remember, take time to pray for your friends—you will be so glad you did!

DOING GOOD THINGS

DECREE that I am a person who works hard to do good things. I am excited to complete projects, assignments, and responsibilities. I do everything required of me as though it is directly for the Lord. I declare that I am not lazy or disinterested when it's time to work. I am always happy to study, organize, clean up, and even fix things when they are broken.

I also do good for other people and am happy to assist when they need help. I am happy to complete good things because I know the Lord rewards me for the good that I do.

Today I am excited to do the things that are good!

SCRIPTURE

Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do (Ephesians 6:7-8).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Good deeds are an important part of being a Christian. We should be willing to work hard to make sure that all our responsibilities are completed. Whether it's doing homework or chores at home, we should be excited to finish them. Doing good deeds also means working to help others when they need it. This could be helping our family at home or participating in good deeds in our community or at school. No matter what the good deed is in front of us, we need to have a good attitude about it. It's important not to make the habit of complaining when our parents or teachers ask us to complete a task or assignment. Having a negative attitude will more than likely cause you to do poorly or finish things in a half-hearted or sloppy way.

We have to remember that when we do good the Lord will reward us. His rewards can include things like receiving compliments, special honors, and sometimes even prizes or money! But more than that, God takes notes

on the good we do and gives us an eternal reward that lasts forever in heaven. Nothing can make you feel better inside than knowing you did good when it was required, so get excited about doing good things today!

BLESSING FOR MY TEACHERS

I DECREE blessing over my teachers today. I pray for the Lord's hand to rest upon them, so they will teach me good instructions that will help me grow and learn. I choose to treat my teachers respectfully because the Bible says I am to honor them. In Jesus' Name, I declare that I will only have teachers in my life who will teach what is true and right. I pray that my teachers will be handpicked by God, and no teachers who teach wrong things will be given to me.

I ask God to encourage my teachers today and help them in their teaching.

I pray all the students would honor them and use good manners toward them.

I pray my teachers will feel encouraged today, and I speak blessing upon them in Jesus' Name!

SCRIPTURE

The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master (Matthew 10:24 NIV).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Teachers can have a difficult job sometimes! A lot of times they are trying to teach subjects to students who often don't want to be taught. I am sure you have seen classmates who don't want to work hard in school or who goof around, making it frustrating for the teacher. It's also obvious in school that kids have teachers they like better than others. Remember, teachers are people just like us who have faults, but that doesn't mean we should ever disrespect them. They also experience hard times in their personal life that we may not know about. In the verse above, Jesus taught that our teachers are placed above us for the purpose of instruction and training. This means we are to honor what they ask with a good attitude. Realize that many teachers would have a better time in teaching if their students would do this.

In addition to praying the declaration above, think of ways you can bless your teachers—not just the ones you like the best, but also the ones who seem harder to appreciate! Blessing your teachers and praying for them can make the school year feel a lot less difficult! And remember, you may be the one person in your class who makes your teacher smile and get through a really tough day. It's a good thing to bless your teachers!

BLESSINGS ON MY STUFF!

I DECREE that my home and all that I own is blessed. God's protection is upon all my stuff to keep it from being lost, stolen, or ruined. I trust God's Word that says I shall live safely in my home and everything around me shall be restful. I declare all forms of chaos and disorder are bound in Jesus' Name!

I declare that my room and all my things are under God's blessing.

I keep all my things organized and neat, creating a peaceful environment around me.

I call upon the Lord who promises that when I serve Him, He will place His blessing upon all my stuff! Thank You, Lord!

SCRIPTURE

My people will live in safety, quietly at home. They will be at rest (Isaiah 32:18).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Did you know that God likes things to be orderly and properly put together? Think about what heaven must be like. It's not filled with messy, broken, and ruined things. It's tidy, peaceful, and enjoyable. When we take care of the things God gives us, His blessing comes upon them. Why? Because God blesses neatness. Not keeping things neat increases the possibility for things to be lost and broken. Also, when we serve God with our whole hearts, He promises to bless us. This blessing includes our home, surroundings, and everything that belongs to us.

God wants to bless what you have and keep it in working order. Consider that when He led the children of Israel out of Egypt, He maintained their belongings so that they didn't fall apart during the trip! (See Deuteronomy 29:5.) When you serve the Lord and keep your things neat and tidy, you open the way for God's blessing to be upon your stuff! So

be sure to take care of what God gives you and trust that His blessing is upon all your stuff today!

FUN PLANS AND PLACES

I DECREE that I experience all the good plans and the places that God has for me today. I say that I will get to experience new and wonderful things because God promises that His plans for me are positive.

In Jesus' Name, I declare that I will not encounter the bad things that make me feel like life is too hard.

Instead, I say that I get to see new places, learn new things, and have new adventures set up by the Lord.

I declare I have a bright future and am full of hope about the good things ahead. I say that fun plans and places are coming!

SCRIPTURE

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The important thing to know about God is that He has a good life planned for you. He wants you to experience exciting things that you can look forward to. He is a good Father and doesn't want us to feel like the days ahead will be sad. God likes it when we get to enjoy a good life full of His surprises, good ideas, and opportunities. Perhaps think about some of the things you would really like to do or see happen in your life one day. That might include what you want to be when you grow up, or it might include some places you want to visit or get to do. Don't be afraid to ask God to help you experience those things. He has a plan for you!

When you mix what you want to do with the plans God has for you, your future will turn out bright! God wants you to look forward to tomorrow and expect that it will be filled with new and exciting things. So as you speak today's prayer and declaration, see inside your heart fun plans and places coming your way!

ANGELS BY ME

I DECREE that I am constantly aware that God's angels stand beside me. They are guarding me and keeping me from harm. Angels are surrounding me on every side so that nothing can come against me to hurt me.

I know that the angels defend me when people or the enemy would try to attack. In Jesus' Name I speak that I am always under the protection of the heavenly hosts of angels. I declare no accidents or injuries can touch me because of God's angels. They protect both me and my family each and every day.

The angels are by me in the car and when I go to church and school. They are by me when we go to stores and other public places. I am at peace and without fear because angels are by me all the time!

SCRIPTURE

For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him (Psalm 34:7).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Isn't it good to know that you have angels guarding you? Think about it! Everywhere you go and in all you do there is an angel nearby. Probably not just one angel either! There are many angels, and they surround you. That means nothing can attack you on the side, in the front, or from behind. When we respect and trust in God, one of the important benefits is the angels are assigned to us from heaven. And they are also assigned to your family, so wherever your parents or brothers or sisters might go, the angels go along. That's why you shouldn't be afraid of something bad happening.

One way to overcome the fear of something bad happening is to think regularly about the angels that are by you. Picture a big old angel standing in your room or sitting in your car! Think about angels following you up and down the hallway at school too! When you put your mind on this fact,

it gives you a confidence that you are always going to be safe. Remember, the angels are right beside you today!

I KNOW WHAT TO DO!

I DECREE that because the Holy Spirit lives in me, I always know what to do in every situation. I will not say, “I don’t know what to do.” I have confidence today that I will have wisdom and knowledge on how to handle things.

I know how to recognize what is true and what isn’t because the Holy Spirit lives inside of me.

The Spirit of the Lord is constantly guiding and leading me even when I don’t realize it. I say that I will always stay in God’s perfect will and not get off track. When there are hard choices to make, I know the Lord will direct me to the right decision. I declare today that I *always* know what to do!

SCRIPTURE

For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true (1 John 2:27).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Life can be filled with some tough choices sometimes. There are moments when you might think that any decision you make could turn out wrong. Sometimes in this world it’s also hard to know the difference between that which is true and that which is false. And these hard choices can sometimes make us want to say things like, “I don’t know what to do!” We have to be careful not to say that because the Bible promises that the Holy Spirit inside us will show us what to do. He teaches and guides us. And He can do that even when we don’t know He is doing it!

We can trust that He will guide us into the right decision even when our mind is unsure if we are making the right choice. Aren’t you thankful for that? So as you come across some decisions today, know that the Holy Spirit is there guiding you in the right direction. He will make sure you are in His perfect will and plan for your life. Also, remember to talk to Him and ask Him to help you know what to do. You will hear His voice down inside

you and sometimes you will just know which decision to make. Just know that He is there, and you will always end up knowing what to do!

HURT FEELINGS ARE HEALED

I DECREE that every hurt feeling inside my heart is healed in Jesus' Name. I declare that I do not live with feelings of pain inside my heart and mind. Jesus promised that He came to heal hurt feelings and set me free from them.

I say that I am free from all hurtful words and actions that were said and done against me. I will not be burdened with memories of the situations that wounded me. I am free in Jesus' Name! I reject the thoughts of hurt feelings in my mind, and I say that I feel better right now! I speak that I don't feel bad, but I feel good! I say that all hurt feelings and wounds in my heart are healed today!

SCRIPTURE

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed (Luke 4:18 NKJV).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the most powerful things Jesus came to do for us is heal us of hurt feelings and wounds that sometimes can live inside our hearts. Hurt feelings and wounds can come from the things people say to us or about us. They can come from when people did wrong to us. God knows that there are unkind people in this world who can leave us feeling hurt and broken. It's so good to know that Jesus is powerful enough to heal that!

Did you know in the verse above that this was one of the first things Jesus said about Himself before He began ministering on earth? He was saying what His key qualifications were, and that included healing broken hearts. If you have some hurts inside, ask Jesus to heal them today. His healing ability is powerful enough to make the memory of those hurtful

moments seem as if they never happened! He can make you feel good inside again no matter what someone said or did. Jesus loves you and is always there to heal a broken heart! Declare today all your hurt feelings are healed!

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