





From the Author

Thousands of years ago, Moses told parents to teach God's words to their children. Eunice was a lady who remembered Moses' instructions. She taught Timothy, her son, so that when he grew up he was able to teach others. His friend, Paul, reminded him that he had known the Bible since he was little. Timothy might not have understood everything when he was young, but the Scriptures made him wise. When he was older, he even went to prison because of his sincere faith in Jesus.

One thing that Timothy learned from the Bible was how to pray. He heard how believers spoke to God and what they asked for. You too need to learn how to pray. Not one of us knows how to pray as we should, but the Bible teaches us and gives us many examples.



Perhaps you already know the Lord's Prayer, which Jesus taught his disciples. In this book, you will find more prayers for you to learn, based on different parts of the Bible. Make them your own. God promises to answer.





Most of the prayers are short and will not be too hard to remember. Some are a little longer and will need a bit more effort. Below every prayer are a few sentences, to help you understand what it is about. If you want to learn more, you can look up the part of the Bible where the words come from. Sometimes, you will need someone to explain things to you.



You will learn different names and titles for God. You will worship him as your Creator, Saviour, and King. You will admit your badness and sin. You will ask for everything that you need to make you good and bring you to heaven.

Remember that Jesus said, "If you ask for anything in my name, I will do it."

Philip Ross





My First Book of Bible Prayers is a wonderful guide for children – and for their parents! Indeed it helps ‘children of all ages’ to take the first steps towards the Heavenly Father, with words we can use to speak to him.



Philip Ross is well qualified to give us the help we need. Brought up in a lively Christian home where prayer was made because God was loved, he and his wife are now creating a similar environment for their own youngsters. They know from experience that the Heavenly Father’s word is to be trusted and that he hears and answers prayer.

Give your children this outstanding little book, and use it with them. It might well be one of the most important things you could ever do as a parent.



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Learning to pray the text of Scripture and to apply its truth to our lives is vital for our spiritual growth.

This book by Philip Ross enables children to do both. I can't recommend this wonderful tool more highly.

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We have best understood the Bible when we turn it into prayer. That is what Philip Ross does for children in "My First Book of Bible Prayers." He takes brief texts of Scripture and turns them into simple, and yet profound prayers that children can readily use. This little booklet will open the heavens for many at a young age. As a father of a large family, I wish this rich spiritual resource had been available to me twenty years ago!

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Lord Jesus, the First and the Last,
in the beginning
you laid the foundations
of the earth,
and the heavens
are the work of your hands.
They will perish,
but you will remain.

Acts 7:59; Revelation 1:17; Psalm 102:25;
Hebrews 1:10-11

Some day God will destroy the whole world. Nothing will be left. Even Mount Everest will melt away like wax on a candle. But the Lord Jesus will never go away. He was here before Mount Everest. He made everything. And when everything has gone, he will still be here. You can only be safe with him.



2

Everlasting God,
my life is like a mist
that appears for a little while
and then it is gone;
teach me to count my days
so that I will gain a wise heart.

James 4:14; Psalm 90:2, 12

Go outside on a frosty morning and you will see your breath. But pay attention! As soon as it leaves your mouth, it will disappear. You cannot get it back. Your life is like that. Is it hard to understand that your life is so short? Then ask God to teach you and make you wise.

