

Open Heavens 23 August 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 23 August 2026 devotional for today is PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

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TOPIC: PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN

MEMORISE:

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.
Psalm 127:4

READ: 1 Kings 1:15-31

15 And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.
16 And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou?
17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the Lord thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.
18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not:
19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.
21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.
22 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.
23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.
24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the kingâ??s sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.
26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.
27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?
28 Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came into the kingâ??s presence, and stood before the king.
29 And the king sware, and said, As the Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the Lord God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.
31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

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In 1 Kings 1:1-42, one of King Davidâ??s sons decided to crown himself king by staging a coup to overthrow his father. Solomonâ??s mother was informed of the development, so she went to David and reminded him that he had promised that her son would succeed him as king.

That same day, Solomon was crowned king, meaning that Israel had three kings on that fateful day: David, Solomon, and the son who decided to make himself king. Solomon might not even have been aware of the events that led to his coronation; however, because his mother rose and entreated the king on his behalf, he was crowned king.

There are certain things that children might miss if their parents donâ??t rise to pray for them. A child may not know his or her left from right and may not even be qualified for an exalted position; however, his or her parentsâ?? prayers can elevate that child into that position. The authority that parents have over their children, both naturally and spiritually, is great, and they must learn to use it effectively.

Any parent who does not pray for his or her child is like a mother hen who watches as a hawk carries her chick away, leaving the chick to fight for itself. The chick lacks sufficient strength to fight a hawk; however, if its mother joins in the fight, it would have a better chance of being saved.

If you are a parent, do not keep quiet over your childrenâ??s destiny so that the devil will not tamper with it. Cry out to God to show your children mercy early in their lives.

In Psalm 90:14, Moses prayed that God should satisfy him and the children of Israel early with His mercy so that they would rejoice and be glad all the days of their lives. He knew that the secret to lasting joy and gladness was to start enjoying Godâ??s mercy early in life.

Beloved, if you are a parent, do not neglect your spiritual responsibility over your children. Like Moses, ask God to show your children His mercy early in their lives. Let your prayers position them for opportunities early in life. Your children will begin to enjoy supernatural favour that some people only get to experience as adults if you pray for them now. I pray that God will shower His mercies over you and your household, in Jesusâ?? name.

KEY POINT

Parents should not neglect their spiritual responsibility over their children.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Lamentations 3-5

Open Heavens HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 23 AUGUST 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Psalm 127:4

> *â??As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.â?•*

Children are like arrows in the hands of a warrior. An arrow does not determine its own direction or targetâ??the archer does. Parents have the authority and responsibility to aim their children toward Godâ??s purpose through prayer and guidance.

BIBLE READING: 1 Kings 1:15-31

This passage records Bathshebaâ??s intervention on behalf of her son Solomon. She reminded King David of his oath that Solomon would succeed him. David responded immediately, declaring that

Solomon would be king that very day. A motherâ??s timely intervention secured her sonâ??s destiny. Without her voice, the throne would have been usurped.

The Power of a Motherâ??s Intercession

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The Threat	The Response
Another son crowned himself king	Bathsheba went to David
Solomonâ??s destiny was at risk	She reminded David of his promise
The enemy tried to steal the throne	A mother intervened

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Three Kings	The Outcome
David (the rightful king)	He declared Solomonâ??s succession
Solomon (the chosen heir)	He was crowned that day
The usurper (self-appointed)	His coup failed

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What Solomon Did	What His Mother Did
He may not have known the threat	She rose and interceded
He was unaware of the coup	She secured his destiny
He did not fight for the throne	She fought for him

The Parentâ??s Prayer: A Shield and a Sword

â??There are certain things that children might miss if their parents donâ??t rise to pray for them. A child may not know his or her left from right and may not even be qualified for an exalted position; however, his or her parentsâ?? prayers can elevate that child into that position.â?•

Without Parental Prayer	With Parental Prayer
Children miss their destiny	They are positioned for greatness

Without Parental Prayer	With Parental Prayer
They are exposed to the enemy	They are protected and elevated
They lack the strength to fight	Parental prayer fights for them

â??The authority that parents have over their children, both naturally and spiritually, is great, and they must learn to use it effectively.â?•

Proverbs 22:6 â?? *â??Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.â?•*

Parental Authority	How to Use It
Natural (over the household)	Instruct, discipline, guide
Spiritual (over destiny)	Pray, intercede, cover

The Mother Hen and the Hawk

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The Chick Alone	The Chick with the Mother Hen
Weak and vulnerable	Protected and strengthened
No chance against the hawk	A fighting chance
Easily snatched away	Delivered from the enemy

â??If you are a parent, do not keep quiet over your childrenâ??s destiny so that the devil will not tamper with it. Cry out to God to show your children mercy early in their lives.â?•

Parental Silence	Parental Cry
The devil tamper with their destiny	God protects and guides them
They miss their opportunities	They are positioned early
They struggle through life	They enjoy favor from youth

Pray for Mercy Early (Psalm 90:14)

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Psalm 90:14 â?? *â??O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.â?•*

Praying for Early Mercy	The Result
Children experience Godâ??s favor from youth	They rejoice all their days
They are positioned early	They walk in destiny
They avoid the struggles of the unprepared	They enjoy supernatural advancement

How to Pray for Your Children (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is how to intercede for your children effectively:

1. Rise and Intercede Like Bathsheba

Do not be silent when your childâ??s destiny is threatened. Rise up. Go to the King. Remind Him of His promises over your children. Pray with urgency.

2. Pray Early

Do not wait until your children are grown and struggling. Pray for them from infancy. Ask God to show them mercy early in their lives.

3. Pray Specifically

Do not pray general prayers. Pray for their protection, their destiny, their marriages, their careers, their spiritual growth. Be specific.

4. Fight for Them in Prayer

When the hawk comes, do not watch helplessly. Join the fight. Pray against the enemyâ??s plans. Declare Godâ??s protection over your children.

5. Teach Them to Pray

Do not only pray for your children; pray with them. Teach them to pray for themselves. Raise up a generation that knows how to access Godâ??s mercy.

Warning: Silence Is Not an Option

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent warning: if you remain silent, your childrenâ??s destiny is at risk.

If You Do Not Pray	The Result
The enemy can tamper with their destiny	They may miss their calling
They lack covering	They are exposed to attacks

If You Do Not Pray	The Result
They struggle alone	They fall where they could have stood

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Your Children

Daddy Adeboye closes with a prayer that God will shower His mercies over you and your household. Do not neglect your spiritual responsibility. Pray for your children.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I rise like Bathsheba to intercede for my children. I will not be silent while the enemy tries to steal their destiny. I pray for Your mercy over themâ??early, early in their lives. Satisfy them with Your goodness from their youth. Protect them from the plans of the enemy. Position them for greatness. Let them not miss the opportunities You have prepared for them. I fight for them in prayer. I will not watch helplessly as the hawk comes. I declare that my children are arrows in my hand, aimed at Your purpose. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Prayer Promise:** Commit to pray for your children dailyâ??specifically, not just generally. Write down their names and pray over each one.
2. **The Early Mercy Declaration:** Declare daily: *â??Lord, show my children Your mercy early. Let them rejoice all their days.â?•*
3. **The Warrior Parent:** When you see challenges coming against your children, rise and fight in prayer. Do not be passive. Be like Bathshebaâ??intervene immediately.

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