

“It’ll go fast,” they said. “Before you know it, they’ll be grown.” They were right. They knew. Now it’s my turn to speak. Children grow up. The seemingly endless days of non-stop homeschooling don’t last forever. Trust me. I know.

Enjoy the days you have with your children. Listen better and more; love freely and deliberately; praise honestly and pray continually.

**A prayer for homeschooling moms.** *Lord, teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom* (Psalm 90:12).

**A prayer for your children.** *Lord, help my children love you first, best, and always, and to love others like you do. Show me how to teach them to obey because it pleases you, not just me. You began a good work in them, Lord. Please carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus* (from Matthew 22:37; John 15:12; Colossians 3:20; Philippians 1:6).

**A prayer for your husband.** *Lord, make my husband be a man who trusts in you, whose confidence is in you. Then he will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. He will not fear when trouble comes. He will have no worries in a year of drought and never fail to bear fruit. Also, please help him love you first, best, and always. Make him able to love our children and me like you do* (from Jeremiah 17:7-8; Matthew 22:37; Ephesians 5:25).

**A prayer for you.** *Lord, make my love (for you and my family and others) abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that I may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God* (from Philippians 1:9-11).

**My prayer for you.** *May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace* (Numbers 6:24-26).