

Prayer of a Teenager's Parent

Dear God,

Help me remember the strongest influence I have on my teenager's way of life
is the example I set with my life.

Help me enjoy these years as they question everything,
explore their growing independence and discover themselves.

Help me give attention to the "little things"
so they will come to me with the "big things".

Help me to teach them accountability and resist the temptation
to protect them from the natural consequences of their actions.

Help me show them that, even when I don't agree with what they think or do,
I will always love and accept them.

Help me know when a problem is too big to be handled within our home,
and not be afraid to reach outside for help.

Help me allow my teenagers the room to expand their experiences
while still providing them the security of well-defined boundaries.

Help me remember that when I was a teenager,
I made mistakes and had to find my own way.

Lord, help me remember the best gifts I can give my teenager
are my time, my love, my attention and my approval.

Amen