

A prayer to you from your yet-unborn baby:

Even today, I feel your love for me. May you never doubt my love for you. Even in the face of challenges which you may feel diminish you in my eyes, always know you cannot fail to be enough for me. I shall watch your every action, listen to your every word, observe you in all ways for clues to solve the mysteries of the world into which you have welcomed me so warmly. I shall learn from you how to love and how to be loved. I shall at all times and in all ways endeavor to share with others the love you share with me. I shall learn by your examples the meaning of honor in all things. I shall learn from you to seek the love in every situation. You will share with me your moments of triumph, and I shall learn from you to be humble and willingly vulnerable. You will share with me your moments of failure and tragedy, and I shall learn from you to be genuinely caring and empathetic. You will share with me seemingly unimportant moments, and I shall learn to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the simplest of God's creations which surround us, waiting patiently for us to take notice. I shall learn from you to always have the time to be a good listener and a good friend. In my moments of neediness, failure and scarcity, you will reassure me I am enough as I am, even as I may resist your assurances. You may expect great things from me, and I shall expect great things from myself simply in pursuit of your respect. I shall strive to make you proud of me, and in my failure to do so, I shall nonetheless rest assured of your love for me. I shall one day aspire to that moment of enlightened wisdom when I more fully understand the dimension of the love you give me today, and I shall one day share that same love with my children, your grandchildren. Thank you for my life and for the love which will fill our lives together. I love you.