

# **Biblical Manhood**

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny

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# **Praying About Your Wife's Moods**

Your wife is a wonderful, complex person. She has certain definable emotions—love, anger, fear, joy, and anxiety. Yet, your wife also experiences differing moods. Her moods are harder to define and to understand. To you, they can seem irrational and unwarranted. However, to her, they are real and intense. Through prayer, you can help her to deal with her moods. As you pray, you can also gain understanding in how to minister to her.

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, she would make her requests known to You. I plead that she would pray and would not fear. I pray that she would experience Your peace that passes all understanding. Guard her heart and mind through Your peace (Philippians 4:6-7).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_

would cast all of her worries, fears, and cares on You. Teach her that You care for her. I ask that she would learn to turn to You in all the circumstances of her life. Grant her the humility to trust You and Your control of her life and circumstances (**1 Peter 5:6-7**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would not be double-minded, unstable in all her ways. I pray that You would deliver her mood swings. I plead that she would be balanced and stable in her thinking, speaking, and acting (**James 1:8**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_'s hormone levels will be balanced. You are her Creator. I pray that these levels will not fluctuate but would be balanced as You have created her to be (**Psalm 139:14-15**).

Father, I ask You to silence the voice of the enemy who seeks to entrap \_\_\_\_\_\_ with his lies. Hinder him from using mood swings to attack her and keep her from Your blessings. Help her to take every thought captive so that she will not be led astray (**2 Corinthians 10:5**). Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would hear Your voice in her daily life (John 10:27).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would not be blinded by fear and doubts. Set her free from these things. Flood her life with Your love and my love (**1 John 4:18**).

Father, I ask that You would show me how to love \_\_\_\_\_\_. Help me to show her that I love her in ways that she can perceive. Empower me to demonstrate my love for her in ways that will convince her (**Ephesians 5:25**).

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that You would calm and quiet \_\_\_\_\_\_. Soothe her fears and doubts. Fill her with Your peace, love, and joy (**Psalm 131:2**).

### Praying For Your Child: A Heart For The Lost

It is crucial to pray for you child to come to Christ. Yet, it is also crucial that you pray that your child will bring others to Christ. The following prayer guide will help you pray for your child to have a heart for the lost. By having a heart for the lost, they will reach out to others and have a powerful impact for the kingdom of God.

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would be salt and light in the midst of this lost world. Grant

him/her a righteous influence in the world (Matthew 5:13-15).

I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would walk in wisdom toward those who are outside the body of Christ. I also pray that his/her speech would be full of grace, godliness, and wisdom so that he/she may know how to answer and respond to the lost (Colossians 4:5-6).

Holy Spirit, I plead that You will give \_\_\_\_\_\_ a continual and agonizing burden concerning lost people and their need to repent and believe (**Romans 9:1-3**).

I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would not grow weary in sharing the gospel but that he/she will know that if he/she does not lose heart he/she will reap converts to Christ (**Galatians 6:9**).

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would receive power from the Holy Spirit and that he/she would be witnesses for You wherever he/she goes (**Acts 1:8**).

I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ would have certainty and understanding concerning the truth of the gospel. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would diligently search the Scripture so that he/she will know what he/she believes and will be able to share and defend the Word of God (**Romans 10:8-17; Acts 17:11**). I ask that You would grant opportunities to share the gospel. Bring lost people into their lives so that he/she can share Your Word with them (**Colossians 4:3; Matthew 7:7**).

Father, I plead that You will make \_\_\_\_\_\_ bold and fearless in his/her witness of Your Son (**Proverbs 28:1**).

#### The World Prayer Plan

As Christian men, God has called us to make a difference – in our marriages, our homes, our work, and even our world (Acts 1:8). You can make a difference in the world by praying. The World Prayer Plan helps you cover the world in a year. Pray daily for God's work across the world. In eternity, you'll be amazed at the power of your intercession.

#### September

1-Poland-The Lost 2-Portugal 3-Puerto Rico 4-Qatar 5-Reunion 6-Romania-The Church 7-Romania-The Lost 8-Russia-The Lost 8-Russia-The Lost 10-Russia-Mission Efforts 11-Russia-Freedom and Peace 12-Russia-Spiritual Awakening 13-Rwanda

14-Western Sahara 15-Samoa 16-San Marino 17-Sao Tome 18-Principe 19-Saudi Arabia-The Church 20-Saudi Arabia-Open Doors 21-Saudi Arabia-Persecution 22-Senegal 23-Seychelles 24-Sierra Leone 25-Singapore 26-Slovenia 27-Solomon Islands 28-Somalia 29-South Africa-The Church 30-South Africa-The Lost

#### October

1-South Africa-Political Future 2-Spain-The Church 3-Spain-The Lost 4-Sri Lanka 5-St. Helena and Ascension Island 6-St. Kittis and Nevis 7-St. Lucia 8-St. Pierre and Miquelon 9-St. Vincent 10-Sudan-The Church **11-Sudan-Persecuted Believers** 12-Suriname 13-Svalbard 14-Swaziland 15-Sweden 16-Switzerland 17-Syria 18-Tajikstan

19-Tanzania-The Church
20-Tanzania-The Lost
21-Thailand-The Church
22-Thailand-The Lost
23-Togo
24-Tokelau Island
25-Tonga
26-Trinidad and Tobago
27-Tunisia
28-Turkey-The Church
29-Turkey-The Lost
30-Turkey-Mission Efforts
31-Turkmenistan

As you pray for these nations during these months, you might consider the following Scripture prayers. You can pick from these to offer intercession for these two months:

Father, in the name of Jesus, I plead that You will draw \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ in true faith and repentance (**John 6:44**).

In the name of Jesus, I ask You, Father, to quicken \_\_\_\_\_\_ who is dead in sins and trespasses (**Ephesians 2:1**).

Father, I ask You to bind and remove Satan's work among \_\_\_\_\_\_ and that You would open their eyes to the truth of the gospel (**2 Corinthians 4:4**).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You would convince \_\_\_\_\_\_ that they are lost,

separated from God, and headed to hell (**Romans 3:23**).

Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, I pray that You would destroy any false ideas that \_\_\_\_\_\_ has about Jesus Christ and salvation through Him (**Proverbs 14:12**).

Lord Jesus, I plead that You will seek out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and save them from their sins and eternal condemnation (Luke 19:10).

Father, I pray that You will open \_\_\_\_\_\_s' hearts so that they will receive and believe the gospel (**Acts 16:14**).

Holy Spirit, I ask You through Your power and \_\_\_\_\_\_s' circumstances to prepare them to hear and receive the Word of God (**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**).

Holy Spirit, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will understand the gospel when it is presented to them so that the devil cannot snatch it away (**Matthew 13: 5, 9**).

Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, I plead that the Word of God will take root in \_\_\_\_\_\_ and bring about true salvation for \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 13:6, 20-21).

Father, I ask that the pleasures of this world and the pressures of life will not choke the Word of God that has been

sown	into	 (Matthew
13:7, 22).		

#### **Confessing God's Word**

"Let them be only your own, and not for strangers with you" (**Proverbs 5:17**).

Father, I adore You for giving me \_\_\_\_\_\_. She is the precious gift of Your wisdom and grace. Father, cause me to love \_\_\_\_\_\_ and her alone. Deliver me from developing inappropriate feelings or desires for anyone else. Set me free from any unhealthy ties to members of the opposite sex. Help us to guard and grow this precious and unique relationship that You have given us. Amen.

**My Confession:** I will maintain purity of thought, words, and actions toward members of the opposite sex. I will strive for marital faithfulness in both my feelings and my actions.

#### The Pursuit Of Purity

We have already seen that the pursuit of purity begins with the abhorrence of pornography. As Christian men, we must "look beyond the frame." You might be wondering what "looking beyond the frame" means?

Looking beyond the frame means looking beyond a picture. When you look

at porn, whether it's a movie or a still image, you need to see more than that. Within the window, you see a beautiful, smiling woman or a couple enjoying amazing sex. Nevertheless, think about what's happening outside the frame.

See the film crew around. See the make-up artists, the plastic surgeons, and the image editors. See the drugs and the suicides. Just off-screen, there are women throwing up, taking drugs, and committing suicide. Look beyond the frame – see the evil of pornography for you and for others.

Another step to pursuing purity is **the acknowledgement of its evil**. Pornography is an evil that affects you and others. It is not simple, harmless fun. It is a spiritual cancer that will destroy. Pornography is not an isolated sin. It has an affect on you and on others.

Consider **Proverbs 5**. This hardhitting chapter shows the evil of sexual sin. When tempted by porn or trying to break free from porn, this is an ideal chapter to read, meditate on, pray through, and memorize. Here we see many reasons for avoiding pornography summarized and powerfully stated:

- Porn looks sweet but leads to destruction (5:3-6).
- Porn wastes your time, money, and energy (5:7-11).

- Porn leads to remorse and shame (5:12-14).
- Porn is a sin against your wife (5:15-20).
- Porn is a sin against the women involved and their husbands (**5:20**).
- Porn may seem secret, but it is seen by God (5:21).
- Porn is enslaving (5:22).
- Porn leads to judgment (5:23).

# **Praying For Your Family**

The following are Scripture prayers for your family. There are **30 prayers** to cover your family each day of the month:

Father, I plead that each member of this family will repent of sin and trust solely in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Acts 26:20).

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that each member of this family will thirst for You and Your will (**Psalm 42:1-2**).

O God, I pray that each member of this family will love and delight in Your Word (**Psalm 119:97**).

O Lord our Healer, unleash Your healing power into the midst of this family; protect

this family from disease and death (Exodus 15:26).

My God, the Healer of the brokenhearted, release emotional healing into this family; I plead that You would deal with the emotional wounds that plague this family (**Psalm 147:3**).

Father, I ask that this family would hate sin; stir us to repent and pursue the holiness that You desire and demand (**Proverbs 28:13**).

Father, I plead that this family would not love the world or the things of it; teach us to love You with all of our beings (**1 John 2:15-16**).

Righteous Father, protect this family from all the schemes of the enemy; I ask that You would destroy all the weapons and works that Satan has planned against this family (**2 Corinthians 2:11**).

God, You are the all-sufficient God; I ask in Jesus' name that You will meet every need of this family. Supply all of the physical, emotional, financial needs of this family (**Philippians 4:19**).

Father, I ask that this family would reach out and meet the needs of others (**1 John 3:17**).

Father, I plead in the name of Jesus that You would grant this family Your strength; I ask that Your peace would fill our lives (**Psalm 29:11**).

Father, release Your grace and power into our lives for every test and temptation that we face (1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 12:9).

Father, I plead that this family would be faithful and active in the church; I pray that we would serve and bless others in the body of Jesus (**Hebrews 10:25**).

Father, I ask that we would lead a life of integrity in our home; I pray that we will not allow anything vile or vulgar into this home (**Psalm 101:3-4**).

Mighty God, enable this family to walk by faith and not by sight (**2 Corinthians 5:7**).

Loving Father, empower this family to be salt and light in this world; I pray that we would exercise a powerful and righteous influence through our example, our words, and our actions (**Matthew 5:13-16**).

Father, unleash a spirit of prayer into our family; I ask that we would seek You with faith and persistence (**Luke 18:1**).

Father, I ask in Jesus' name that each member of this family would be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving (**Ephesians 4:32**).

Father, enable us to bear each other's burdens; forgive us for failing to care for and help each other as we ought (Galatians 6:2).

Father, I ask that we forsake pride and seek to minister to each other on a daily basis (**Matthew 20:28**).

Father, I plead in Jesus' name that we would deal with disagreements quickly and wisely; I pray that we would not give any room for the devil to work in our family because of unresolved conflict and negative, sinful emotions (**Ephesians 4:26-27**).

Father, help us to be patient with one another; I plead that we would turn the other cheek when offended. Enable us to respond with Christlike love (Matthew 5:38-42).

Father, I pray that we would speak the truth to one another in love; grant us the humility to receive it and respond to it (Ephesians 4:25).

Father, I ask in Jesus' name that this family would repent and forsake everything that is not pleasing in Your sight. I pray that we would deal with everything in our family that is sinful. Give us a heart for holiness (**Genesis 35:1-4**).

Father, I plead that this family would be filled with the Holy Spirit. I ask that we

would walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh (**Ephesians 5:18**).

Father, I pray that You would guide this family in the path of righteousness for Your name's sake (**Psalm 23:3**).

Father, I ask in Jesus' name that this family would be characterized by genuine, unconditional, and unceasing love (**1 John 4:11**).

Father, teach us and empower us to love You with all of our being; help us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39).

Father, I ask that this family would be a good steward of Your blessings; empower us to bless others with what You give (2 **Corinthians 9:9-10**).

Father, put Your hedge around this family; help us and secure us through all the days of our lives (**Job 1:9-10**). **Dr. Kevin Meador, President** The Prayer Closet Ministries, Inc.

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