



Global Point Men

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny

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Praying For Your Wife's Motherhood

A woman's body was created to give birth to children. Her heart was made to love children and nurture them. Her arms were made to hold children. A woman longs to have and raise children.

This is true of your wife. She desperately wants to be the best mother and best wife that she can be. Your wife will struggle to maintain a balance between being a good wife and a good mother. Your prayers are crucial to this. You must intercede for her as the mother of your children. Your praying will help her to maintain this balance. It will release God's grace and power into her life so that she can be a faithful wife and mother.

The following prayer guide is offered to help you do this. This prayer guide is designed to help you intercede for your wife and her task as a mother. Plead the truths of the Scripture for your wife's role as a mother.

Father, empower me to be the spiritual leader of the home. Grant me the wisdom and insight that I need to share the task of parenting with ______. Help me to help her in every way that she needs me. Empower me to strengthen her and encourage her as the mother of our child/children (**Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 2:6**).

Father, I pray that You would enable _____ to be the best mother of our child/children that she can be. Teach her that through Your power she can do this (**Philippians 4:13**).

Father, I plead that _____ will depend on You in raising our child/children. I ask that she will trust in You with all her heart. I pray that she will not lean on her own understanding. Lead her to acknowledge You in all her decisions and dealings with our child/children. Direct her paths as she

ministers to our child/children (**Proverbs 3:5-6**).

Father, You are the perfect Parent. You are full of compassion and patience for Your children. I pray that

_____ will be filled with compassion and patience for our child/children. Enable her to exercise this compassion and patience in all her dealings with our child/children (**Lamentations 3:22-23**).

Father, I ask You to fill _____ with the wisdom to discipline our child/children. Grant her the insight that she needs in order to correct and guide our child/children (**Proverbs 2:6**).

Father, I plead that _____ will have a growing, intimate relationship to You and Your Word. Out of this, I ask that she will teach our child/children Your Word. Help her to teach and model the truth of Your Word (**Deuteronomy 6:6-9**).

Father, I pray that You would grant _____ a spirit of prayer for our child/children. Teach her how to pray for _____. Give her wisdom, insight, and power to intercede according to Your will for him/her/them (**Colossians 4:2**).

Father, I ask that our child/children will respect _____ and will be obedient to her. Grant him/her/them teachable and submissive spirit(s). Give him/her/them a heart to hear and do what she says (**Ephesians 6:1**).

Father, I plead that _____'s child/children will rise up and call her blessed. Empower her to raise them in such a way that they will be grateful and thankful for her. Enable her to be the kind of mother that he/she/they will thank God for all the days of his/her/their life/lives (**Proverbs 31:28**).

Father, I pray that _____ will find fulfillment, contentment, and joy as a mother. Yet, never let her forget who she is in Christ (**Psalm 127:3**).

The Praying Husband Bible Study

Lesson 5: Combining Prayer And Ministry

Central Truth: God desires that you combine prayer and ministry in your relationship to your wife.

Prayer is foundational to ministering to your wife. Yet, prayer should lead to ministry. It is not enough to pray for her. Your praying must be combined with ministering to her.

Read And Meditate On The Word Of God

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God desires that you be a servant. Read the following verses and meditate on how they apply to your relationship to your wife.

Matthew 20:28

Philippians 2:5-11

Ephesians 5:25

Listening And Talking With Your Father

Ask your Father to show you ways in which you can be a servant to your wife. Call on Him to give you insights on the ways that you can minister to her. Record those insights here.

Plead with your Father to produce a servant's heart in you for your wife. Ask Him to do whatever He needs to for you to become a servant to her.

Praying For Your Relationship

Pray that God will help you rid your relationship of selfishness. Plead that both of you will develop a servant's heart. Claim **Matthew 20:28** for your relationship.

Your World Prayer Plan

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 Church
- 9-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	25-Tonga	4
22-Senegal	26-Trinidad and Tobago	
23-Seychelles	27-Tunisia	
24-Sierra Leone	28-Turkey-The Church	
25-Singapore	29-Turkey-The Lost	
26-Slovenia	30-Turkey-Mission Efforts	
27-Solomon Islands	31-Turkmenistan	
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

Praying For Your Child's Future Spouse

Next to the decision to commit one's life to Jesus Christ, marriage is the most important commitment that a person can ever make. It will affect the rest of his or her life along with the lives of their family members. An unwise decision in this matter can bring pain and misery for everyone involved. Since only God knows who will make the best marriage partner for anyone, He should be consulted first and He should give the final answer.

A parent may feel helpless in the matter of who his or her child decides to marry. Yet, this is simply not true. Through prayer, you can have a significant impact on who your child marries. Every parent hopes that his or her child will marry a compatible and godly mate. Prayer is essential in guiding them in that direction.

Magnificent weddings do not make perfect marriages. Only God can do that. The Word of God says, "There

are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that

will stand (**Proverbs 19:21**).” It is neither the advice of friends nor the admiration of people that causes a couple to have a strong, godly marriage. It is not bridal consultants and caterers who set the bride and groom on the right path. Consulting God and following His leading do that. It is only the prayer of parents and concerned people that cause a child to seek continually the will of God instead of following their own emotions.

The following are some suggested prayer requests that you can use to pray about your child's future mate. You can use these or you could develop your own from them. These requests can be used in a variety of ways. A parent can use them to intercede for the child's future or present mate. Grandparents can use these requests to pray for the present or future mate of their grandchildren. A concerned individual or youth minister can use them to pray for young people. A single person can use them to pray for their future mate. A single person can use them to seek God's guidance in this important matter. No matter how they are used, it is important to pray for the future mate of your child or the child of someone you love.

Father, I pray that his/her mate would enter into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ (**John 3:16; Acts 4:12**).

Father, I pray that You would protect him/her from the spirit of divorce, which is so common to this age (**Malachi 2:14-16**). No matter what age your child is, pray about this today. Divorce threatens everyone at some time or another. Stand against this and resist it from getting a grip in your child's life. If your child is already divorced, pray for all the brokenness to be healed and that there will be no more divorce in his or her future.

Lord, grant that he/she would hunger for You and seek to serve You with all his/her heart (**Psalm 42:1-2, 63:1, Matthew 22:37**).

Father, I pray that You would teach him/her the basics of spiritual warfare, how to flee temptation, how to take thoughts captive, and how to stand firm against the devil's schemes (**1 Peter 5:8-9; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; James 4:7-8**).

Lord, I plead that You would teach him/her how to pray and would give him/her a heart for prayer (**Colossians 4:2; Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:18**).

Father, enable him/her to remain a virgin until he/she is married. Guard him/her from immorality, “outercourse” (petting experiences), sexual abuse or harassment,

and exposure to pornography. Grant him/her a desire for sexual purity.

(**Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4; Ephesians 5:3**).

I ask that You would show him/her what You want him/her to do with his/her life. Make Your will known to him/her. Cause him/her to seek Your will for his/her life (**1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Timothy 4:12**).

I pray that he/she would be committed to truth and would choose honesty in every situation even when tempted to lie in order to lessen the consequences or the punishment (**Ephesians 4:25**).

Father, I plead that You would teach him/her to be a good parent. Grant his/her parents' good parenting skills and if not, provide him/her with good role models of parenting (**Psalm 68:5-6; Matthew 6**).

Lord, I pray that You would grant him/her a healthy, God-centered view of money and possessions. Help him/her have a proper attitude toward money in giving, working, and receiving. I ask that You would enable him/her to learn how to save, tithe, and budget money (**1 Timothy 6:6-11**).

Father, I ask that he/she would develop good communication skills. Enable

him/her to speak only those things that are good and uplifting. Guard him/her from profanity, foul language, and angry

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responses (**Colossians 3:8; Ephesians 4:29**).

Lord, grant my child's mate deep and satisfying personal relationships that will prepare him/her for marriage but that will not compromise his/her purity. Teach him/her how to care and love for another person and deliver him/her from selfishness and self-centeredness (**1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Ephesians 5:22-33**).

I ask that he/she would put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking along with malice. I pray that he/she would grow in kindness toward others, would be tenderhearted and forgiving of others as God for Christ's sake has forgiven him/her (**Ephesians 4:31-32**).

Father, I pray that he/she would develop a servant's heart. I ask that he/she would be given a heart to serve others and not himself/herself (**Matthew 20:28**).

God, I ask that he/she will have a burning desire to share the gospel with others. Make him/her into a powerful witness of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Give him/her a vision for the world and a heart to support missions (**Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8**).

Father, I ask that You would grant him/her the desire and commitment to be an active part of Your Son's church. I plead that he/she will know his/her

spiritual gifts and will use them for Your glory and for the building up of Your Son's church (**Hebrews 10:25; 1 Corinthians 12**).

Lord, I plead that You would deal with anything in his/her life that would hinder or be destructive to his/her marriage. Enable him/her to overcome sins or character weaknesses that might do damage to the marriage relationship and to the children (**Psalm 147:3, Galatians 5:22-23**).

Lord God, I pray that he/she will love You with all his/her heart, soul, mind, and strength. Cause him/her to worship and serve no other God but You. Never allow anything to become more important to him/her than You (**Matthew 22:37-38; Exodus 20:1-3; 1 John 5:21**).

Father, I plead that he/she will love others as himself/herself. Create within him/her a compassion and a concern for others (**Matthew 22:39**).

Your prayers can have a significant impact on the kind of person that your child marries. They can also bring changes in the person to whom your child is already married. It is not that you should pray for the perfect mate for

your child. It is that you should pray for your child to marry someone who is becoming all God wants him or her to be.

Praying Through Marital Problems

Every marriage is going to have times of difficulty. Problems will surface and they will be a threat to the joy and even the existence of the marriage. These problems could be due to a crisis or to ongoing problems of one or both of the spouses.

The devil will attempt to use these problems no matter how insignificant they seem. He will attempt to use these problems to cripple or even destroy the marriage. The way to prevent this is through prayer. Through prayer and dependence on God and His Word, a couple can overcome the problems that they are facing.

The following prayer list is offered as a guide that can help you pray through marital problems. You can also use this prayer list for the safeguarding of your marriage. If you have family members or friends that are having marital problems, you can use this list as a guide to intercede for them. This is especially true of in-laws (Remember in-laws: **Hands off, prayers on**).

- ◆ Pray that God would enable them to communicate with each other in a

clear and loving way (**Ephesians 4:15; Proverbs 18:13**).

- ◆ Pray that God would remind them of the value and preciousness of marriage (**Genesis 2:22; Proverbs 18:22**).
- ◆ Ask that God would enable them to find intimate and abiding joy in their love and friendship (**Ecclesiastes 9:9; Proverbs 5:18**).
- ◆ Pray that God would enable them to always be kind to each other, tenderhearted, and forgiving as God for Christ's sake has forgiven them (**Ephesians 4:32**).
- ◆ Plead that God would prevent Satan from gaining a foothold in their relationship (**Ephesians 4:25**).
- ◆ Pray that God would help them to always remember that love is a commitment and a choice (**1 Corinthians 13**).
- ◆ Ask that they would always trust in the Lord and would not lean on their own understanding (**Proverbs 3:5**).
- ◆ Pray that they would acknowledge the Lord in all their ways, keeping Him as the top priority of their lives (**Proverbs 3:6**).
- ◆ Ask that they will remember that hatred stirs up strife but love covers a multitude of sins (**Proverbs 10:12**).
- ◆ Pray that they will remember the seriousness of the commitment that they have made to God and to each other (**Mark 10:5-9; Malachi 2:6**).

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