

# **Global Point Men**

**Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny** 

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# **Praying For Your Wife's Protection**

As a husband, you are responsible for your wife's protection. He desires that you do all that you can to defend and guard your wife's physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. The problem is that you can't be with your wife 24 hours a In addition, you don't have the day. and power to do this. wisdom Nevertheless, the good news is that God can protect your wife. God is always with your wife, watching over her and protecting her. He has the power and wisdom to protect her. Through prayer, you release God's protection into her life. The following prayers can help you stand concerning your wife's in the gap protection.

Father, I ask You to act as \_\_\_\_\_'s Rock, Fortress, and Deliverer. I plead that You will be her Shield, Power, and Stronghold. I pray that she will call on You and that You will save her from her enemies (**Psalm 18:1-2**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will lie down in peace and sleep. O Lord, cause \_\_\_\_\_\_ to dwell in safety. You and You alone can do this. I plead that You would do this (**Psalm 4:8**).

Father, I pray that You would protect 's body that was purchased with the blood of Jesus. I ask that You would motivate her to take care of her body because it is the temple of Your Holy Spirit (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**).

Father, You have created \_\_\_\_\_\_. She is Your unique creation. I plead that You would protect her. I ask You to grant her good health. You are the God who made \_\_\_\_\_\_. I now plead with You to sustain and protect her (Genesis 1:27, 2:7).

Father, I plead that all would be well with \_\_\_\_\_\_. I pray that You would grant her a healthy body and soul (**3 John 2**).

Lord, I bless Your name. I pray that would not forget all Your benefits. I ask that You would forgive all her iniquities and that You heal her of all her diseases (**Psalm 103:2-3**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would take refuge in You and that she would rejoice. Let her sing joyful praises forever. O God, spread Your protection over \_\_\_\_\_\_. Let her love Your name and be filled with joy (**Psalm 5:11**).

Lord, You are the God of heaven and earth. You alone possess all power in heaven and earth. I ask You to protect \_\_\_\_\_\_ by that almighty power. By the power that created all things, secure and guard \_\_\_\_\_\_'s life (**Psalm 115:3**, **135:6**).

Father, I plead that You would guide and protect \_\_\_\_\_\_. When she has to go through deep waters and deep trouble, I ask You to envelop her with Your protection. When \_\_\_\_\_\_ has to go through rivers of difficulty, deliver her from drowning. O God, I ask You to shelter her by Your mighty hand (**Isaiah 43:1-2**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will live in the shelter of the Most High; I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I pray that You would be her God, Refuge, and Place of safety. I ask that she will not be afraid of the terrors of night nor fear the dangers of the day. Deliver \_\_\_\_\_\_ from any danger. Send Your angels to protect and guard \_\_\_\_\_\_ wherever she goes. Father, answer \_\_\_\_\_\_ when she calls on You. Grant \_\_\_\_\_\_ Your presence and protection in trouble; rescue and honor her. I plead that You would satisfy her with long life and grant her Your salvation (**Psalm 91**).

Father, I plead with You to be \_\_\_\_\_\_'s shield, protecting her all the days of her life. Guard \_\_\_\_\_\_'s course and protect her way (**Proverbs 2:7-8**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will never be impressed with her own wisdom. I plead that she will fear You and turn her back on evil. You have promised that this will bring renewed health and vitality to her. Release this health and vitality into her life (**Proverbs 3:7-8**).

O Lord, You alone keep a person safe. You alone can secure a person. I plead that You would keep \_\_\_\_\_\_ safe. I ask that You would secure and protect her life (**Psalm 4:8**).

Father, I ask You to help \_\_\_\_\_\_. Rescue her from harm. Save her from harm and death. Let her find shelter in You (**Psalm 37:40**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_\_will know that her body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_will glorify You in her body. I ask that \_\_\_\_\_\_would value the body that You have given her. I pray that You would place in her a desire to eat healthy foods and to take care of herself (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Father, I ask that the harm others intend for \_\_\_\_\_\_ that You would turn it into good for her. I plead that You would transform any suffering into blessing, any tragedy into triumph in \_\_\_\_\_\_'s life (**Genesis 50:20**).

## Praying For Your Child's Spiritual Growth

The greatest need of your child is an intimate, growing relationship with God. Your child must move beyond his or her initial commitment to Jesus Christ. It is God's will for your child to mature spiritually. Your prayers are crucial to this. You cannot leave your child's spiritual growth to change. There has to be a combination of fervent prayer, teaching, and example. The following prayer guide is designed to help you plead for the spiritual growth of your child.

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

will thirst for You as the deer thirsts for the water brooks. I ask in the name of Jesus that You will be his/her greatest desire. Cause him to pursue You above all other things and all other people (**Psalm 42:1-2**).

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that would be filled with the Holy Spirit daily. I pray that he/she will depend on the power of the Spirit. Enable him/her to walk in the Spirit. Deliver him/her from depending on the flesh in any way (**Ephesians 5:18**).

Lord Jesus, You are \_\_\_\_\_'s Vine. He/She is Your branch. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would abide in You as You abide in Him. Teach him/her that he/she can do nothing without You (**John 15:5**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would read and study Your Word. I ask in the name of Jesus that You would teach him/her Your Word. I pray that he/she would be grounded in the doctrines of God's Word. I ask that he/she would be reproved and corrected by Your Word. I plead that she would be trained in how to live a godly life (**2 Timothy 3:16**).

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that would pray without ceasing. I pray that he/she would continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Colossians 4:2).

I plead that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would give thanks in everything because this is Your will for him/her in Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

I ask in the name of Jesus that would be diligent to confess his/her sin and to receive cleansing from all unrighteousness. Grant him/her a daily spirit of repentance (**1 John 1:9**; **Proverbs 28:13**).

I pray in the name of Jesus that would be still and listen to You. I ask that he/she will develop a lifestyle of listening to Your voice and obeying what You lead him/her to do (John 10:27).

I plead in the name of Jesus that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would be an active member of Your church. I ask You to remove anything from his/her life that would hinder him/her from being faithful to Your church. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_

would faithfully attend and serve in Your

church all the days of his/her life (**Hebrews 10:25**).

Father, I ask You to take the faith that You have planted in \_\_\_\_\_\_ and build it. I plead that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would grow in faith. Strengthen and encourage his/her faith in You through Your Word. I pray that You would remove anything from his/her life that would hinder him/her from trusting in You. I ask that he/she will have the daily confidence that You are working all things together for his/her good (**Romans 8:28, 10:17, and 12:3**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would daily worship You. I pray that You will teach him/her how to praise You. Help him/her to cultivate a lifestyle of worship (**Psalm 100:4**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would be a faithful and cheerful giver. Cause him/her to know that You are the Source of his/her blessings. Empower him/her to honor You with the finances that you bless him/her with. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would not give grudgingly

or out of necessity but out of love for and gratitude to You (**2 Corinthians 9:7**).

# World Prayer Plan

### July

1-Luxembourg 2-Macao 3-Macedonia 4-Madagascar 5-Malawi 6-Malaysia-The Church 7-Malaysia-The Lost 8-Malaysia-Open Doors 9-Maldives 10-Mali 11-Malta 12-Marshall Islands 13-Martinique 14-Mauritania 15-Mauritius **16-Mexico-The Church** 17-Mexico-The Lost 18-Micronesia **19-Midway Islands** 20-Moldova 21-Monaco 22-Mongolia 23-Montserrat 24-Morocco-The Church 25-Morocco-The Lost **26-Morocco-Persecuted Believers** 27-Mozambique-The Church 28-Mozambique-The Lost 29-Myanmar (Burma)-The Church 30-Myanmar (Burma)-The Lost 31-Namibia

#### August

1-Nauru 2-Nepal-The Church 3-Nepal-The Lost 4-Nepal-Mission Efforts 5-Netherlands 6-Netherland Antilles 7-New Caledonia 8-New Zealand 9-Nicarauga 10-Niger 11-Nigeria-The Church 12-Nigeria-The Lost 13-Norway 14-Oman 15-Pakistan-The Church 16-Pakistan-The Lost 17-Pakistan-Open Doors **18-Pakistan-Persecuted Believers** 19-Palau 20-Palestine West Bank-Open Doors 21-Palestine West Bank-Peace 22-Panama 23-Papua New Guinea-The Church 24-Papua New Guinea-The Lost 25-Paraguay 26-Peru-The Church 27-Peru-The Lost 28-Philippines-The Church 29-Philippines-The Lost **30-Pitcairn Island** 31-Poland-The Church

To help you pray for the nations each day, you might consider using the following prayer: Father, You are the God who heals. I pray that You would heal the physically sick among \_\_\_\_\_. Reveal Your love and mercy to them through this. Show them through this that You and You alone are God. I also plead that You would spiritually sick heal the among \_\_\_\_\_. I pray that You would bring them into a right relationship with Yourself. Heal them, O Lord, of their sinfulness through the power of Your gospel. O Lord, You are the God who heals, I pray that You would be true to Your name by healing \_\_\_\_\_ physically and spiritually (Exodus 15:26; Deuteronomy 32:39; Psalm 103:3, 147:3).

## **Confessing God's Word**

"Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets?" (**Proverbs 5:16**).

Father, intimacy in marriage is a precious blessing. Yet, it is also a goal to be pursued. It is something that we must strive to deepen. Father, grant us deeper, richer intimacy in our relationship. Help us to strive for this intimacy. Deliver us from anyone or anything that might hinder this intimacy between us. Amen.

*My Confession:* I will strive to experience greater intimacy with my wife. I will guard this intimacy through God's empowering.

## The Pursuit Of Purity

Christian men are in a war – a purity war. We live in the midst of an oversexed, promiscuous generation. We are bombarded with images. We are tempted from every side. Yet, God's calling on our lives remains the same, "For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality" (1 **Thessalonians 4:3**).

The greatest danger to the Christian man's purity is pornography. Pornography is a spiritual cancer destroying men, marriages, and families. It is affecting and infecting our churches. A recent survey found that 50% of Christian men and 20% of Christian women are addicted to porn.

How does a Christian man fight the temptation to indulge in pornography? How can a man get free of pornography? In the coming issues of *Global Point Man*, we will look at a biblical strategy to fight against and get free from pornography. In this issue, we will examine **the abhorrence of pornography**.

A first step in fighting porn is to develop a hatred of it. A man will never have a pure heart as long as he wavers in how he thinks about porn. If a man is indecisive on this point, he will never have the courage to fight and win the battle against porn. His waffling will weaken his resolve to fight. Why should you hate pornography? The following are reasons to hate this evil.

#### Porn wrecks your view of sex.

The sex in porn is not real sex. It is not how real people make love. It distorts your expectations of sex. It detaches relationship and intimacy from sex.

#### Porn wrecks your view of women.

Porn encourages men to view women as objects to be consumed. Instead of seeing women as persons made in God's image, you will come to see them as objects for gratifying your lust.

#### The porn industry abuses women.

The women in the porn industry frequently use drugs to dull the pain. It is common for women to vomit during shoots. The porn industry uses and abuses women.

#### Porn is a sin against your wife.

Every time you look at porn, you are committing adultery with the women you look at (**Matthew 5:27-28**). If you're not yet married, porn is a sin against your future wife. You're sowing a bitter harvest for your married life.

#### Porn wrecks families.

Studies have shown that even mild exposure to porn reduces men's evaluations of their wives' attractiveness and how much in love they feel. Porn is a cancer, eating away at marriage and the enjoyment of marriage. It also erodes a father's moral authority within the home, causing him to fail to discipline or to be erratic in his discipline.

#### Porn is enslaving.

When a man views porn, he is desensitized. He has to look for more porn. He has to look for more and more extreme images to get the same fix of pleasure, "Death and Destruction are never satisfied, and neither are the eyes of a man" (**Proverbs 27:20**).

#### Porn erodes your character.

When a man first uses porn, he has to push past his conscience. His conscience screams at him to stop. Yet, he hardens his heart. This weakens his conscience, hardening him to others sins in his life.

# Porn wastes your time, energy, and money.

As a man sits in front of a computer screen viewing porn, he wastes time, energy, and money. He throws all these things away, never to recover them. It is a lost opportunity forever as his soul rots.

#### Porn weakens your relationship to God.

Porn will kill a man's spiritual vitality and strength. It zaps a man's devotional life and his pursuit of the spiritual disciplines. It will decrease his consciousness of spiritual things. It will deaden his relationship to Jesus Christ.

#### Porn weakens your service.

Porn affects a man's relationship to God but it also affects his service before God. If you feel distant from God, from His grace, love, and glory, your motivation to serve will be greatly weakened. At the same time, the divine resources you need will feel far away. We must see that porn is a sin against the church. The secret sin of one man can affect many (**Joshua 7**). No one may ever know about it, but it can still affect and harm the church.

# God's wrath is against people who use porn.

Porn is not secret; it's not anonymous (**Proverbs 15:3; Hebrews 4:13**). God's Word is unflinchingly clear – God's wrath burns against those who use porn (**Ephesians 5:3-7**). Don't be fooled; you cannot have Christ and porn (**2 Peter 2:20-21**). God's wrath burns against those who indulge in porn. Flee from this sin; hate it because God hates it. He will pour out His wrath forever on those who will not repent of this evil.

The Word of God reveals that sex is the good gift of God. It's a beautiful and powerful thing that God intends to bind couples together in covenantal love. However, its power for good can be corrupted. Porn does that; it takes the good gift of God and corrupts it into evil. Plead with God to grant you a hatred of porn. This is only a first step in the battle for purity. Nevertheless, it's a necessary step!

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