



# Global Point Men

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny

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## When Your Spouse Is An Unbeliever

Numerous Christians are “spiritual widows”. These Christians have spouses in the physical, emotional, and financial aspects of life. Yet, their spouses are unbelievers. Due to this, they are spiritually alone. These Christians cannot share the spiritual blessings and burdens with their spouses because their spouses are not in a personal relationship with God. The Word of God refers to this situation as being “unequally yoked together” (2 Corinthians 6:14).

### What Is A Beloved Unbeliever?

In modern society, we are not familiar with the yoke. In biblical times, a yoke controlled oxen. It consisted of a wooden bar with loops at either end. Farmers placed a yoke around the necks of a pair of oxen, harnessing them together and making them a team. It held the animals’ heads in place and maintained the balance between the two.

The yoke was constructed to force each ox to pull an equal share of the load. It bound the animals together. Therefore, if one pulled ahead or held back, the other member of the team would be hindered. The yoke would actually cause pain, choking the

one who pulled ahead or pinching the neck of the one who lagged behind. Because of this, the oxen kept a common pace, moving in the same manner and traveling in the same direction.

When Paul uses the term “unequally yoked,” he is declaring that a Christian who marries an unbeliever will be hindered in his or her walk with Jesus Christ. This situation will restrict his or her freedom in Christ. It can be a hindrance to his or her spiritual maturity. It will cause an imbalance in the spiritual responsibilities in the relationship. Moreover, it will cause pain and discomfort for the Christian. The unbelieving spouse is loved and cherished; yet, there is difficulty and stress because the other spouse is a Christian.

These things will be a reality because the Christian is harnessed to a person who does not believe or feel the same things that the Christian does. The Christian wants to live a holy life. His or her sinful nature and the ways of the world dominate the unbelieving spouse. The Christian wants to know God and serve Him. The unbeliever is selfish and wants to pursue the things of the world above the things of God. It is a continual struggle because two people who

have been harnessed together are attempting to go in opposite directions.

The Christian who is caught in this situation experiences a wide range of emotions. He or she wonders how much to confront his or her spouse with the truth of the gospel. This often creates conflict and friction in the marriage. Then, the Christian spouse draws back, feeling defeated. A spirit of compromise often sets in at this point. In addition, in the midst of all this, the Christian spouse grows weary at heart from the heaviness of this burden. To some extent, the Christian spouse may be happy in the marriage. There is love and intimacy in the relationship. Yet, the Christian spouse is not comfortable or complete due to the unbelief of the other. The Christian spouse longs for the conversion of his or her beloved unbeliever.

## Praying For An Unbelieving Spouse

The following prayer requests are offered to guide the believing spouse in how to pray in this difficult situation. These requests will enable you to seek God for the help, strength, and power you need to deal with this situation. If you know believers that are in this situation, you can also use these requests. You can take these requests and use them in your intercession for the couple.

- ◆ Pray for the salvation of the unbelieving spouse (**John 3:15-16, 14:6; 1 Timothy 1:15**).
- ◆ Ask that God would give the believing spouse hope and peace in what appears to be a hopeless situation (**Philippians 4:7**).
- ◆ Plead that God would protect the believing spouse from depression and despair (**Proverbs 17:22**).
- ◆ Pray that the believing spouse will live a godly life before the unbelieving spouse (**1 Peter 3:1**).
- ◆ Ask that God would enable the believing spouse to see that he or she can depend on God for everything (**Proverbs 18:10**). The believing spouse often feels alone in this situation. Yet, this believer must come to understand that in his or her personal relationship to God, he or she has everything that is needed to face any situation. Knowing God personally and walking with Him daily provides all the power, blessing, hope, and strength that a person needs to cope.
- ◆ Pray that they will be true friends to each other (**Proverbs 17:17, 18:24; John 15:13; 1 Peter 3:8**). Even though they do not share spiritual realities, those involved in this kind of marriage need to share everything else. This friendship could lead to the opportunity to share the gospel with the unbelieving spouse.
- ◆ Ask that the believing spouse will do what he or she can to please the unbelieving spouse (**Proverbs 12:4**).
- ◆ Pray that God would enable the believing spouse to show his or her disapproval of the unbelieving spouse's sinful lifestyle, words, or actions without being condemning and judgmental (**Proverbs 31:26**). The previous and current prayer requests provide a balance. On the one hand, the believing spouse needs to do everything possible to please the unbelieving spouse. This is a matter of kindness and love. Yet, this cannot be allowed to develop into a spirit of

compromise. The believing spouse needs to know how to please the unbelieving spouse. At the same time, he or she needs wisdom to show disapproval of those things that are contradictory to the Word of God.

- ◆ Ask that God would enable the believing spouse to be faithful in her or her relationship to God and His church (**Matthew 22:36-38; Hebrews 10:25**). The believing spouse must continue to maintain his or her relationship to God even though the other spouse sees no need for this.
- ◆ Plead that God would give the believing spouse the wisdom to know when to share the gospel and when not to share the gospel (**James 1:5; Proverbs 17:27-28; Matthew 7:6**).
- ◆ Pray that God would enable the believing spouse to provide spiritual leadership and guidance for the children (**Deuteronomy 11:18-19, 32:45-46**). This request is especially needed when the believer is a woman. The man is to be the spiritual leader of the home. Yet, when the man is an unbeliever, the believing wife needs strength and wisdom to provide spiritual leadership and guidance for the children. Because the man will not do this, the responsibility falls to believing wife. She needs wisdom and insight for this. If the believer is a man, pray that God will give him insight on how to lead his home in a godly way.
- ◆ Ask that the believing spouse will honor and respect the unbelieving spouse (**Proverbs 31:12**).
- ◆ Pray that the believing spouse will confess and repent of disobeying God (**1 John 1:9**). If the believing spouse disobeyed God and willfully married an unbeliever, this has to be dealt with by confession and repentance. There can be no spiritual power and blessing in an unequally yoked marriage until the believer deals with this sin.
- ◆ Plead that the believing spouse will be filled with the Holy Spirit and will manifest the fruit of the Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-23**).
- ◆ Ask that the believing spouse will do all that he or she can to provide an atmosphere of harmony in the home (**Romans 12:18**).
- ◆ Pray that the believing spouse will be sympathetic (**1 Peter 3:8**).
- ◆ Pray that the believing spouse would be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving (**Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:8; Mark 11:25**).
- ◆ Plead that God would grant the believing spouse with the wisdom and strength to respond in a Christlike way when the unbelieving spouse persecutes him or her for his or relationship to Jesus Christ (**Proverbs 20:22, 24:29, 29:22; Romans 12:14**).
- ◆ Ask that the believing spouse will be humble (**1 Peter 3:8**).
- ◆ Pray that God would cause the believing spouse to know that He is with him or her and that he or she is not alone in this struggle (**Isaiah 41:13, 43:2**).
- ◆ Pray that God would give wisdom and insight to the believing spouse so that he or she would know how to make the needs of the unbelieving spouse a priority without compromising his or her relationship to Jesus Christ (**James 1:5**).
- ◆ Ask that God would protect the believing spouse if the situation is abusive, whether

physically or emotionally (**Psalm 3:7, 145:14**).

- ◆ Plead that God will surround the believing spouse with godly and faithful friends who will listen, help, and pray for the believing spouse and his or her beloved unbeliever (**Proverbs 17:17**).
- ◆ Ask that God would give the believing spouse the assurance of his or her salvation (**1 John 5:13**).
- ◆ Pray that the believing spouse will know that God does care and listens to his or her prayers (**1 Peter 5:7**).
- ◆ Pray that the children in this situation will be protected emotionally, physically, and spiritually (**Psalm 127:3**).
- ◆ Ask that God would heal the emotional pain that the believing spouse experiences in this situation (**Psalm 145:14, 147:3; Romans 12:12, 15**).
- ◆ Pray that Satan's plan to destroy this marriage and family would be defeated by the Holy Spirit through the Word and prayer (**1 Peter 5:8-9**).
- ◆ Pray that whatever demonic forces have been assigned to this situation would be bound and sent away by Jesus (**Mark 1:21-26**).

## The Relationship Prayer

Your relationships can be strengthened and deepened through prayer. The following prayer is offered as a guide to help you in praying for the various relationships in your life. This prayer is based on **1 Corinthians 13** and **Ephesians 4:32**. You can use this prayer or develop your own from it. This prayer can be used in any type of relationship that you have: husband-wife, parent-child, boyfriend-

girlfriend, and friend-friend. Be diligent to pray for the relationships in your life and to apply the truths of God's Word to these relationships. In order to use this prayer, simply insert the name of the person in the blanks.

Heavenly Father, You are a good and merciful God. You are a loving and generous Father. I thank you for \_\_\_\_\_. You have granted me to the opportunity to know and love \_\_\_\_\_. My relationship to \_\_\_\_\_ is a precious gift from You. Enable me to be faithful to \_\_\_\_\_ so that I might be a good steward of the gift of this relationship in my life. Help me to always point \_\_\_\_\_ to You and Your holy Word. Cause me to remember that genuine love is patient and kind. Enable me to be slow in losing my patience with \_\_\_\_\_. Keep me from boiling with jealousy when \_\_\_\_\_ is concerned. Always help me to be myself around \_\_\_\_\_ and enable me to always receive and treat \_\_\_\_\_ with respect. Keep me from being arrogant toward \_\_\_\_\_.

Merciful Father, no matter how I feel or what my circumstances are, empower me to never be rude to \_\_\_\_\_. Always make me sensitive to \_\_\_\_\_'s circumstances and feelings. Grant that I will keep \_\_\_\_\_'s needs and feelings a priority in my thinking, speaking and acting. Father, give me the strength and the wisdom to keep selfishness from gaining a foothold in my relationship to \_\_\_\_\_.

God, keep me from being irritable or resentful toward \_\_\_\_\_. Even

when \_\_\_\_\_ hurts or disappoints me, protect me from anger and bitterness toward \_\_\_\_\_. Keep me from being overly sensitive and never let me keep a record of the failures that I feel \_\_\_\_\_ has committed. Deliver me from rejoicing over any pain that \_\_\_\_\_ experiences and let me always rejoice with \_\_\_\_\_ in his/her victories and successes.

Cause me to be eager to believe the best about \_\_\_\_\_ and slow to think the worst about him/her. Cause me to always have hope and patience in my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_. Empower me by Your Holy Spirit to be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving toward \_\_\_\_\_ in all situations.

Thank you Father for \_\_\_\_\_. Abundantly bless my relationship to him/her for Your glory and our good. Amen.

## World Prayer Calendar

### November

- 1-Turks and Caicos Islands
- 2-Tuvalu
- 3-Uganda-The Church
- 4-Uganda-The Lost
- 5-Ukraine-The Church
- 6-United Arab Emirates
- 7-United Kingdom-The Church
- 8-United Kingdom-The Lost
- 9-United Kingdom-Spiritual Awakening
- 10-England
- 11-Northern Ireland
- 12-Scotland
- 13-Wales
- 14-United States-The Church
- 15-United States-The Lost
- 16-United States-Spiritual Awakening

- 17-United States-Missionary Fervor
- 18-United States-Government
- 19-United States-Spiritual Unity
- 20-Uruguay
- 21-Uzbekistan
- 22-Vanuatu
- 23-Venezuela-The Church
- 24-Venezuela-The Lost
- 25-Vietnam-The Church
- 26-Vietnam-The Lost
- 27-Vietnam-Open Doors
- 28-Virgin Islands
- 29-Revival In Caribbean
- 30-Wallis and Futura Islands

### December

- 1-Yemen-The Church
- 2-Yemen-The Lost
- 3-Yugoslavia
- 4-Bosnia
- 5-Hercegovina
- 6-Montenegro
- 7-Serbia
- 8-Macedonia
- 9-Zaire-The Church
- 10-Zaire-The Lost
- 11-Zambia
- 12-Zimbabwe
- 13-Africa
- 14-Asia
- 15-Caribbean
- 16-Eurasia
- 17-Europe
- 18-Latin America
- 19-Middle East
- 20-North America
- 21-Pacific
- 22-The Fall of Islam
- 23-The Fall of Hinduism

- 24-Bible Translation and Distribution Across the World
- 25-That The Glory and Power of Jesus Would Be Seen Across The World
- 26-More Missionaries
- 27-Believers With A Heart For The World
- 28-Increase In Giving To Mission Efforts
- 29-Destruction of Satan’s Grip Over the Nations
- 30-Worldwide Prayer For World Evangelization
- 31-The Soon Return Of Jesus

## Praying For Your Child’s Emotional Well Being

A parent desires that his or her child is safe and healthy physically. Yet, a parent also longs that the child is healthy emotionally. Emotional well being is crucial for relationships at all levels—God, church, work, marriage, and family. Damaged and unhealthy emotions can cause massive problems for a person and his or her life. This area must be covered in prayer.

The following prayers can help you intercede for your child’s emotional well being. In order to use the prayers, simply place the name of your child in the blank and plead the truth of the Scripture his or her behalf.

Father, I plead that You will cause \_\_\_\_\_ to know that he/she is fearfully and wonderfully made. I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will see that he/she is Your precious and unique creation. Teach \_\_\_\_\_ that he/she is precious in Your sight and that You love him/her (**Psalm 139:14-15**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will love his/her enemies. Empower him/her to do good to those who hate him/her. Help \_\_\_\_\_ to bless those who curse him/her. Teach \_\_\_\_\_ to pray for those who mistreat him/her. Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will do for others, as he/she would like them to do for him/her (**Luke 6:27-31**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will grow as Jesus did in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (**Luke 2:52**).

Father, teach \_\_\_\_\_ that the fear of man brings a snare, but that the one who trusts in You will be kept safe. I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will strive to win Your praise rather than seek the approval of his/her peers (**Proverbs 29:25; John 5:44**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would be filled with joy given by the Holy Spirit. I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would always be joyful, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in every circumstance because this is Your will for him/her (**1 Thessalonians 1:6; 5:16-18**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would be diligent to confess his/her sins. Cause him/her to know that You are faithful and just to forgive and cleanse \_\_\_\_\_ of his/her sin when he/she confesses. Grant \_\_\_\_\_ a repentant spirit. Deliver him/her from becoming complacent toward sin. Don’t let him/her get bogged down by past sins and guilt. Cause him/her to focus on Your grace and love and the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ (**1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13**).

Father, when \_\_\_\_\_ feelings are hurt, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will rest in Your love and depend on Your promises. Cause him/her to look to You for the help and the comfort that he/she needs (**Romans 5:5; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4**).

Father, I ask You to create within \_\_\_\_\_ a forgiving spirit. Empower him/her to freely forgive others. Protect him/her from a bitter and angry spirit. Instead of responding with bitterness and anger, enable \_\_\_\_\_ to respond with forgiveness and mercy. I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would be kind to others, tenderhearted, forgiving others as God through Christ has forgiven him/her (**Ephesians 4:31-32**).

Father, I plead that You would satisfy \_\_\_\_\_ with Your unfailing love. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would sing for joy all the days of his/her life (**Psalms 90:14**).

Lord, when \_\_\_\_\_ is confronted with fear, pressure, or worry, I ask that he/she will trust in You. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will not be afraid but will know that You are with him/her. I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ would not be dismayed but would know that You are his/her God. Strengthen and help \_\_\_\_\_. I plead that You would uphold \_\_\_\_\_ with Your righteous right hand (**Isaiah 41:10**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_'s identity would be rooted in Your love and Your work in his/her life. Cause him/her to know that he/she is the work of Your hands

and that he/she has is precious and valuable. Help him/her to experience Your love in his/her life (**Psalms 139:14**).

Father, You are the Healer of the brokenhearted. You bind up the wounds. I pray that You would grant emotional healing in \_\_\_\_\_'s life. Bind up the emotional wounds that he/she has suffered. Let Your love and grace restore and rebuild the damaged emotions. I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will experience wholeness through the power of Jesus Christ (**Psalms 147:3**).

## **Blessing Your Family**

**(Psalm 127)**

The following is a prayer that you can use to plead for God's blessing on your family. At the same time, you can use this prayer or develop your own from it. This prayer is based on Psalm 127. The crucial issue is to understand that only God can build a marriage and a family. You are to plead with Him to bless your family with His grace and power. You might also use this prayer to intercede for other families.

"Father, I/we commit my/our family into Your hands. Your Word declares that unless You build the house, those who build it labor in vain. Father, I/we do not have the power to build and keep this family together. It is only through You that we can be a family and grow as a family. I/We ask for Your blessing on this family. Meet all our needs—physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. Let Your power love and wisdom flow into this family.

Protect us from all the attacks of our enemy, Satan. Cut off any avenue that he might attempt to attack us. Cause this family to grow in grace and in the knowledge of You. Let this family shine as an example of what You intended the family to be. Remove any obstacles that would hinder this family from becoming what You want it to be. Through the good and bad of life, let Your grace, peace, and love surround and fill our family.

O God, cause this family to be a force for righteousness. Empower us so that we can have a powerful, positive impact for the Lord Jesus Christ. Use this family as an instrument for carrying out Your purposes. Glorify Your name through this family. Amen."

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