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Fighting The War For Your Family

Satan has declared war on the family. The Bible reveals that he is our great adversary (1 Peter 5:18). He has taken dead aim at the family. It is His purpose to destroy families. He knows that if he is successful in this, He can impact every other institution – the church, the government, the schools, the society. The family is the foundation of everything else. As the family goes, so goes the church, the government, the schools, and even our society. This is why Satan has a hatred for the family and why he has made it his target.

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As a man, a husband, and father, you are crucial in this warfare. In this war for the family, you must remember the following truths:

- *God has appointed you as the head of the family.*

God has put you as the first line of defense for your family. God calls you to stand for your marriage and your family.

- *Satan wants to neutralize husbands/fathers.*

Satan desires to tempt and lead men into ineffective leadership in their families. He wants men to forsake their responsibility to lead and stand for their family. He longs to direct men to ignore or reject their God-given calling.

- *Satan has two basic strategies.*

In this war on the family, Satan has two strategies that he seeks to carry out. First, he wants to alienate husbands from their wives. Second, he desires to alienate husbands from their children. This is his “divide and conquer” strategy. He realizes that if he can keep husbands from developing strong relationships with wives and their children, he can accomplish his devious purposes.

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God is calling men to fight for their families! The primary way to do this is through prayer. It's not the only weapon we have. It's not the only thing we are to do for our families. Yet, it is the primary weapon and tool in helping protect and direct our families. This issue is dedicated to helping you pray for your wife, your marriage, and your children. We must fight for our families from our knees. We can win if we will seek God for our marriages and families!

Praying For Your Wife

As the spiritual leader of your home, your top priority is to pray for your wife. If you are not praying for your wife, it is going

to be difficult to minister to her and to provide her the leadership that she needs. You are opening the door for the enemy to attack your relationship. At the same time, you will not be sensitive to her. Prayer sensitizes you to her burdens and needs.

As you pray, God enables you to overcome selfishness and develop a love for her that far surpasses the love that you felt on your wedding day.

The following prayer list is offered as a guide to help you in praying for your wife. You can combine these requests with those for her safety and the needs of the day. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you insight on how to pray for her. Plead with the Holy Spirit to make these requests a reality in her life. Plead with Him to conform her life to the Word of God.

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“ *Salvation.* “Father, I pray that my wife would have a genuine personal relationship with You through your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (**John 3:16, 5:25**).”

“ *Love for God’s Word.* “Father, grant my wife a hunger for the Word of God. Cause her to find Your Word more precious than pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb (**Psalm 19:10**).”

“ *Prayerfulness.* “Lord, I pray that You would create in my wife a heart for prayer. Teach her how to pray. I ask that her life would be characterized by prayer (**Ephesian s 6:18; Jude 20**).”

“ *A longing for God.* “Father, create in my wife a burning desire to know and worship You. I pray that You will be the passionate desire of her heart and her top priority (**Psalm 42:1-2, 63:8**).”

“ *Submissive and loyal.* “Father, I ask You to enable my wife to be submissive to me and loyal to me in all matters. Enable me by Your Spirit on a daily basis to

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provide such loving and wise leadership that this will be a
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simply a duty she has to perform (**Ephesians 5:22**)."

" *Love*: "Enable my wife to love me and empower me to love her more than my own life (**Ephesians 5:28; Romans 5:5**
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" *Wisdom*: "Father, grant my wife wisdom. Fill her with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual understanding. At the same time, give me the wisdom and knowledge to lead, honor, and exalt my wife because she is the weaker vessel (**1 Peter 3:7**)."

" *The fruit of the Spirit*: "Holy Spirit, I plead that You will manifest the fruit of the Spirit in my wife. Please cultivate that fruit into consistent, godly character (**Galatians 5:22-23**
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" *Growth in grace*: "I pray that my wife will grow in the grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ (**1 Peter 2:1-2**).")"

" *Holiness and godliness*: "Father, I plead that my wife will pursue holiness with all her might. I pray that she will pursue Christlikeness with all her strength. Mold her into the Christian that You want her to be (**Romans 8:29; Colossians 3:5-10; Hebrews 12:14**)."

" *Faithfulness*: "Lord God, I pray that my wife will be faithful to you all the days of her life. Cause her to be faithful to me all the days of our life together on this earth (**Proverbs 31:12**)."

" *Diligent*: "Lord, make my wife diligent and competent in all that she is called on to do and that she is faced with in her daily life (**Proverbs 31:13-17**)."

" *A wise and discerning mother*: "Father, create a wise and discerning heart in my wife so that she can raise godly children (**Proverbs 31:28**)."

" *True beauty*: "Lord, enable my wife to see that true beauty is inner beauty. Create a meek and quiet spirit in her, which is of great value in your sight, O Lord (**1**)"

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Peter 3:3-4

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” *Contentment:* “Father, I pray that You will create a spirit of contentment in my wife. Cause her to be content in You and Your blessings (**Colossians 3:12**).

” *A servant’s heart:* “Lord, I pray that You would create a servant’s heart in my wife. Enable her to serve others with Christlike love and compassion (**Ephesians 6:7; Matthew 20:28**).”

” *Gratitude:* “Father, I pray that my wife would consistently give thanks to You for all things through Jesus Christ her Lord and Savior (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**).

” *Honesty:* “Lord, I ask that my wife will be honest in all her dealings with others. Deliver her from lying and half-truths (**Ephesians 4:25**).

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” *Purity*. “Create a pure and clean heart in my wife. Cause this purity to be revealed in her words and actions (**Psalm 51:10**).”

” *A heart for missions*. “Father, I plead that my wife will have a heart for the nations of the world. I pray that she will have a desire to see Your glory among the nations (**Psalm 96:3**).”

” *A personal witness for Jesus Christ*. “Father, I ask that my wife would share her faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Empower her to be a bold witness for Christ (**Acts 1:8, 4:31**).”

” *Filled with the Holy Spirit*. “Lord, I plead that my wife will be filled with the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. I pray that she would walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh (**Ephesians 5:18**).”

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” *Perseverance:* “Father, I pray that you would create endurance in my wife. Grant her strength to run the race of the Christian life (**Hebrews 12:1**).”

” *Justice:* “Father, I ask that my wife would love justice as You do and would act justly in all things (**Micah 6:8; Psalm 11:7**).”

” *Faith:* “Father, I pray that You would strengthen her faith. Grant her a more intimate and powerful trust in You (**Romans 10:17**).”

” *Strength for the stress in her life:* “I pray that Your grace will abound in my wife’s life. Give her the strength to cope with everything that she has to face (**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**).”

Ask God to show you the particular needs of your wife. As God reveals this to you, intercede for her based on what God shows you. Ask God to strengthen her weaknesses and for the repentance and removal of sins from her life. Plead with God to make whatever changes He wants in her life. Both of you need to pray that you will both be faithful to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in His church. The greatest gift that you can give your child is a mom and dad that loves Jesus Christ with all their hearts and a mom and dad that loves each other with all their hearts

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through all the circumstances of life!

Scripture Prayers For Your Marriage

The following are short Scripture prayers that you can use to pray for your marriage. These prayers are based on the Word of God. You can plead them with confidence and with faith.

Father, I plead that we would speak the truth in love to each other, honestly and openly sharing our feelings with each other (**Ephesians 4:15, 25**).

Lord, I pray that our marriage will glorify You and be an example of Your intention for marriage (**1 Corinthians 10:31**).

God, I plead that You would give us wisdom and compassion in dealing with our in-laws (**Matthew 5:7**).

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Father, bless and strengthen our marriage in the midst of the pressure and problems of our lives (**2 Corinthians 12:9**).

Father, I ask You to protect our marriage from the attacks of Satan. Deliver us from his evil, destructive plans (**1 Peter 5:8**).

Father, grant that we might find great delight and joy in each other (**Proverbs 5:18**).

Lord God, I pray that You would deepen and strengthen our friendship to each other (**Proverbs 17:17**).

Father, I plead that Your power would sustain and give stability to this marriage (**Jeremiah 32:17**).

Father, help us to discern and deal with those things that hinder and hurt our relationship (**Psal m 139:23-24**).

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Father, I ask that our strengths would match and overcome our weaknesses (**Genesis 2:20-23**)

I pray that we would be kind and tenderhearted to one another, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us (**Ephesians 4:32**).

I plead that we would be sensitive to the needs and hurts of each other. Enable us to minister to each other in these areas (**Matthew 20:28**).

God, create within us a hunger for each other. Let us be satisfied with one another (**Proverbs 5:19-20**).

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I plead that You would give us a heart to seek after You and serve You all the days of our lives (**Psalm 63:1**).

Father, I pray that You would grant us the wisdom and power to gain and use our finances wisely (**Proverbs 3:9-10**).

Lord, I ask that You would deliver us from pettiness and unforgiveness in our relationship (**Matthew 18:20-21**).

Father, I plead that we will surrender all that we are and all that we have to each other (**Genesis 2:24-25**).

I pray that we would love You with all our being and our neighbors as ourselves (**Matthew 22:37-40**).

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Lord God, I ask that we would love and obey Your Word, building our lives, marriage, and family on its truth (**Psalm 119:97**).

Father, I plead that we would be patient with each other in all the circumstances of life (**1 Corinthians 13:4**).

Father, I pray that we will be kind and gentle to each other through the ups and downs of our life together (**1 Corinthians 13:4**).

Father, I ask that we would not let any jealousy or envy to gain ground in our relationship (**1 Corinthians 13:4**).

God, I plead that we will always seek what is best for our relationship (**1 Corinthians 13:5**).

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Lord, I pray that we will share each other's burdens and hurts (**1 Corinthians 13:5**).

Father, enable us to overcome the pride in our lives. Set us free from the pride that will hinder and hurt our marriage (**1 Corinthians 13:5**).

Lord, I ask that we would not be rude or thoughtless concerning each other (**1 Corinthians 13:5**).

God, deliver us from the selfishness that would hinder and hurt our relationship (**1 Corinthians 13:5**).

Lord, I ask that we would rejoice in each other's strengths and gifts and would pray concerning our weaknesses and sins (**1 Corinthians 13:6**).

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Father, I pray that You would give us a love that bears all things, believes all things, and hopes all things (**1 Corinthians 13:7**).

Lord, I plead that You would create in us a love that will endure the stress and problems that we will face (**1 Corinthians 13:7**).

Father, I ask that our love for one another will never fail (**1 Corinthians 13:8**).

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Father, I plead that we would be faithful to attend and serve in the church of Jesus Christ (**Hebrews 10:25**).

Praying For Your Children

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The best way to fight for your children is on your knees. The following prayer guide will aid you in interceding for your children and their needs.

“Lord, I pray that You would save _____. Grant faith and repentance to him/her. I ask that _____ would surrender himself/herself to Jesus Christ (**John 3:16, 5:25; Matthew 11:28; Acts 4:12**).

Father, I pray that _____ would grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Enable him/her to mature in the faith (**1 Peter 2:1-2; 2 Peter 3:18**).

Father, I pray that You would create a hunger in _____ for the Word of God. I plead that he/she will find Your Word more precious than much pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb (**Psalms 19:10**).

I ask that _____ will learn to live a life of love for God and others through the Holy Spirit who lives in him/her and who pours out the love of God into his/her heart (**Romans 5:5**).

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Create in _____ a pure heart, O God, and cause that purity to be shown in their words and actions (**Psalm 51:10**).

I pray that _____ would have an ever-increasing faith in You and Your Word (**Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6**).

Father, I pray that You would enable _____ to be sexually pure

in thought, words, and actions. I plead that he/she will be protected from pornography, pre-marital sex, and outercourse (**1 Thessalonians 4:3-4; Ephesians 5:3**).

O God, create a servant's heart in _____ that he/she may serve wholeheartedly as if he/she were serving the Lord and not men (**Ephesians 6:7**).

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I pray that You, the God of hope, would cause hope to overflow in _____'s life (**Romans 15:13**).

Father, cultivate in _____ the ability to have true humility before You and to show true humility before all people (**Titus 3:2; 1 Peter 5:5**).

Lord, clothe _____ with the godly virtue of compassion (**Colossians 3:12**).

I plead that honesty and integrity would characterize _____'s life (**Psalms 15, 25:21**).

Father, help _____ not to be like many others around him/her, but enable _____ to be alert and self-controlled in all that he/she does (**1 Thessalonians 5:6**).

Lord, I plead that _____ will love justice as You do and will act justly in all that

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he/she does (**Psalm 11:7; Micah 6:8**).

Let love and faithfulness never leave _____, but bind these twin virtues around his/her neck and write them on the tablet of his/her heart (**Proverbs 3:31**).

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God, enable _____ to always be strong and courageous for You in all that he/she says and does (**Deuteronomy 31:6**).

I ask that _____ will always be merciful as his/her heavenly Father is merciful (**Luke 6:36**).

Father, empower _____ to show proper respect to everyone as Your Word commands (**1 Peter 2:17**).

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Lord, teach _____ perseverance, especially to run the race with perseverance marked out for him/her (**Hebrews 12:1**).

Father, I pray that _____ will develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the righteousness of Jesus and the realization that he/she is God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus (**Ephesians 2:10**).

Lord, I ask that _____ will be filled with joy given by the Holy Spirit (**1 Thessalonians 1:6**).

Father, enable _____ to make every effort to do what leads to peace (**Romans 14:19**).

God, grant that _____ will learn responsibility and diligence because each one should carry his/her own load (**Galatians 6:5**).

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I pray that _____ will be generous, willing to give to You and to others. I ask that he/she would lay up treasure in heaven (**Matthew 6:19-20**).

I ask that _____ will be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving others as God for Christ's sake has forgiven him/her (**Ephesians 4:32**).

Lord, teach _____ the value of work. Enable him/her to work to Your glory and his/her good (**Colossians 3:23**).

Father, create a passion in _____ to know and love You (**Psalms 63:8**).

Lord, I ask that _____ will have a heart for prayer. Teach him/her how to pray and to listen to You (**Luke 18:1; Colossians 4:2**).

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Father, I pray that _____ would give thanks always for all things in the name of Jesus to Your glory and in obedience to Your will (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**).

I pray that _____ would acquire a disciplined and wise life, do what is right, just, and fair in Your sight (**Proverbs 1:3**).

Father, create a longing in _____'s heart to see Your gospel declared among the nations. Give _____ a heart for the nations of the world (**Psalms 96:3**).

Lord, teach _____ the secret of being content in any and every situation through Him who gives strength (**Philippians 4:12-13**).