

# Global Point Men

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny

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# The Praying Husband

The most important place to begin praying for your wife is to pray for yourself. That may seem odd advice. Yet, it is crucial in your intercession for your wife. In order to pray with power for your wife, you must deal with anything that would hinder your praying for her. Your heart has to be right when you pray. You jeopardize your own prayers when you don't pray from a right heart.

The following Scripture prayers will aid you in making sure that you are right with the Lord and your wife and that your praying will be powerful and effective. You can use these prayers or develop your own from them. When you see a blank, place the name of your wife there and plead the truth of Scripture for her.

Father, I pray that You would create a clean heart in me. O God, renew a right spirit within me. Change me and mold me into the man and husband that You want me to be (**Psalm 51:10**).

Father, search my heart and life. Reveal to me anything in my life, which is not pleasing to You. Show me any sinful attitudes, words, feelings, or actions that I have held or practiced, especially in my relationship to

\_\_\_\_\_\_. Open my eyes that I may see these things. As You convict me, grant me the grace and power to repent and change (Psalm 139:23-24).

Father, create within me a thankful spirit for \_\_\_\_\_\_. Cause me to realize in fresh and unique ways that she is my complement and that she completes me. Empower me to thank You for her to show her how much I need her and appreciate her (Genesis 2:18).

Father, enable me to dwell with \_\_\_\_\_ with understanding. Help me to daily recognize that she needs my covering, protection, and love. Grant me the discernment that I need to understand her, encourage her, and minister to her (1 Peter 3:7).

Father, empower me to honor my wife. I pray that I would always honor her in my thoughts, my words, my feelings, and my actions. Deliver me from disgracing her or dishonoring her in any way (1 Peter 3:7).

Father, I plead that You would grant us the unity and the oneness that You intended for

marriage. Enable us to deal with anything that would prevent us from experiencing this unity and oneness. Make us of the same mind and heart (**Genesis 2:24**).

Father, give me a heart of compassion for
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Work into my heart
the patience that I need to bless, encourage,
listen to, and love her. Deliver me from
impatience toward
(Colossians 3:12).

Father, develop within me a forgiving spirit toward \_\_\_\_\_\_. Deliver me from the pride that would cause me to resent and hold grudges toward \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:13).

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that You would empower me to love \_\_\_\_\_ as Christ loved the church. Fill me with Your love so that I can love her in a way that is pleasing to her and that will encourage, bless, and minister to her (Ephesians 5:28-29).

Father, cause me to remember that \_\_\_\_\_ is a gift from You. Help me to treat her as Your gift to me (1 Corinthians 11:9).

Father, teach me how to pray for \_\_\_\_\_\_. Grant me the discernment and power to cover her life with prayer (Colossians 4:2).

# The Praying Husband Bible Study

Lesson 1: Your Greatest Need

**Central Truth:** God is your greatest need. He and He alone can meet the deepest needs of your heart.

The Word of God declares, "And the LORD God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him'" (Genesis 2:18). God has given you a wife to help you. He says that it is not good for man to be alone. He designed your marriage and your relationship to meet needs in your life. Your wife meets needs in your life that you could not fulfill as a single man. Your wife is a gift of God's grace to help you and to meet needs in your life.

Yet, your wife is not your greatest need. Love songs and storybook romances declare that a woman is the man's greatest need. Yet, your greatest need is God. You must know Him and pursue Him. He must be the top priority of your life. Your wife can do much for you. However, there are some needs in your life that only God can meet. And, God alone can enable you to be a godly and loving husband.

### Read and Meditate On The Word

The following verses speak about your greatest need. As you read these verses, meditate on their meaning for your relationship to God and your wife.

Psalm 73:25-26

Psalm 27:1, 10

Psalm 56:3-4

**Psalm 63:1** 

Matthew 22:37

Philippians 4:4-7

John 6:67-69

These verses reveal that God is your greatest need. He should be your greatest love, your greatest desire. You must depend on Him above all others. Your wife is an exquisite and precious gift from God. But, she will never be a substitute for your relationship to God. You need Him above any and all others. It is God alone who can meet the deepest needs of your life.

# Listening And Speaking To Your Father

Ask God to reveal to You anything or anybody that you have placed above Him. Plead with Him to reveal anything or anybody that you love or desire more than God. As He speaks to you, record the insights that you receive. Begin praying that He will cause you to love Him and desire Him more than anything or anybody in this world.

Write a prayer to God telling Him how much you love Him and need Him. Confess your dependence on Him.

# Praying For Your Relationship

Pray that your wife will love and desire the Lord more than anything or anybody in the world. Ask that she will grow in intimacy with God. Plead that God would unite your hearts in pursuing God as the passion of your life. Claim **Psalm 73:25-26** for your relationship, "Whom have I in heaven but You? I desire You more

than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever" (NLT).

# The World Prayer Calendar

# January

- 1-Afghanistan-The Church
- 2-Afghanistan-The Lost
- 3-Albania
- 4-Algeria
- 5-American Samoa
- 6-Andorra
- 7-Angola
- 8-Anguilla
- 9-Antigua
- 10-Argentina-The Church
- 11-Argentina-The Lost
- 12-Armenia
- 13-Aruba
- 14-Australia-The Church
- 15-Australia-The Lost
- 16-Austria-The Church
- 17-Austria-The Lost
- 18-Azerbaijan
- 19-Bahamas
- 20-Bangladesh
- 21-Barbados
- 22-Belgium
- 23-Belize
- 24-Benin
- 25-Bermuda
- 26-Bhutan
- 27-Bolivia-The Church
- 28-Bolivia-The Lost
- 29-Botswana
- 30-Brazil-The Church
- 31-Brazil-The Lost

## February

- 1-British Virgin Islands
- 2-Brunei
- 3-Bulgaria
- 4-Burkina Faso
- 5-Burundi
- 6-Byelarus
- 7-Cambodia
- 8-Cameroon
- 9-Canada-The Church
- 10-Canada-The Lost
- 11-Cape Verde Islands
- 12-Cayman Islands
- 13-Central African Republic
- 14-Chad
- 15-Channel Islands
- 16-Chile
- 17-China-The Church
- 18-China-The Lost
- 19-China-Persecuted Believers
- 20-China-Spiritual Warfare
- 21-China-Missionaries
- 22-China-Agencies Working in China
- 23-China-Provision of Bibles
- 24-China-Christian Literature
- 25-China-Conversion of Soldiers
- 26-China-Collapse of Communism
- 27-China-Taiwan
- 28-Colombia-The Church

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