



The Word of Encouragement...

The most important assignment for every family member is prayer! It is the most vital and rewarding thing that you can do for your family. But it can be the most neglected and frustrating thing we do as well.

The word of encouragement I want to give you is this: Don't give up! Prayer is too important for you to give up. The enemy will never give up resisting the will of God over your family. How unrelenting we must be in prayer!

Sure it can be frustrating when you are tired and you don't see results. But the rewards far outweigh the frustrations. I have seen God break through in ways that are undeniably Him when I pray.

My hope is that this brochure will become an added treasure to your quiet time with God. Along with God's Word, perhaps a devotional and a good cup of coffee, may you daily report for duty as a Prayer Warrior for your family.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Eric

A Single's Prayer

Lord, help me as a single adult.

Help me acknowledge Your presence in my times of loneliness.

Help me understand the difference between being alone and being lonely.

Help me claim Your promise of being closer than a brother.

Help me be positive in my present circumstances.

Help me resist from allowing past hurts to affect my present attitudes.

Help me realize that You allow all things to happen for my good.

Help me experience contentment even as I acknowledge my need for companionship.

Help me find security not only in my possessions but also in my relationships.

Help me not to be threatened by possible failures in relationships with others

Help me never to be so self-sufficient that I have no need for others.

Help me share my burdens and hurts with others.

Help me to always hear the counsel of others in the light of Your word.

Help me cultivate friendships for the sake of others as well as myself.

Help me not to withdraw from those who are of different status.

Help me to be supportive of the family unit as You ordained it.

Help me in my freedom to be a channel of Your love to others.

Help me to never become careless about my personal appearance.

Help me use my time wisely.

Help me never to allow others to take Your place in my life.

Help me to be honest about my desires for the future.

Help me seek Your guidance and direction in my life.

Amen

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Loving and leading people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.



Praying for the Family

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Praying for my spouse...

1. Pray for your spouse's spouse.

This means you! If you have resentment, anger, unforgiveness, or an ungodly attitude, you will have a difficult time seeing the answers to your prayers (even if you have good reason for your feelings!). But confessing and repenting of those feelings to God in total honesty, and then moving into prayer, can dramatically change your marriage.

2. Pray for your spouse's relationship with God.

Pray that your spouse would know God, trust God and remain in Him. Jesus says in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing." Nothing means that without Jesus, your spouse cannot be patient, unconditionally love you, nor be the man/woman that you need.

3. Pray for their God-given role.

Wives, pray for your husband's leadership in your marriage. Ask God to give him strength to carry out his responsibilities and help him prioritize time with his family. The Lord has entrusted many things to both of you — money, time, a home — so pray for your husband to be a wise manager of God's gifts.

Husbands, as you provide direction for your family, pray for your wife's role as your partner — the person who can come alongside to help you. Ask God to remind her to pray about her worries so she will experience Christ's peace.

4. Pray for strong relationships with godly members of the same sex.

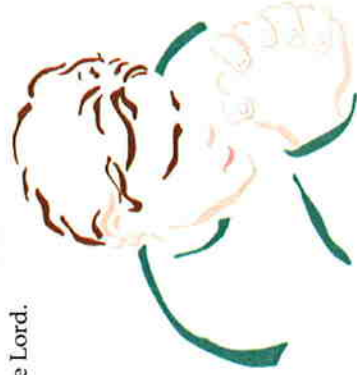
Friendships are vital. If a person looks to their spouse to meet all their friendship needs, chances are their spouse will eventually crumple under the pressure. But remember, those whom your spouse spends extra time with will shape them as a person. Pray that he/she would be surrounded with followers of Jesus Christ.

Praying for my children...

Guide me by Your Spirit as I pray for my children. I dedicate them to You so that You can accomplish Your will for their lives. Get me out of Your way, so that You can work the life of Christ in them and give them Your best. Give me the grace to wait on You, for Your timing is perfect.

I pray that my children will...

- Receive and love Jesus as their Savior.
- Commit their lives to make Jesus Lord and be filled with His Spirit
- Know the true and living God intimately
- Know who they are in Christ
- Be protected from the evil one by the blood of Jesus
- Love the Word of God
- Learn to hate sin, love holiness and fear the Lord
- Grow up into maturity in the Lord
- Glorify God in their bodies as Your temple
- Respect those in authority
- Have healthy friendships
- Walk wisely in the way of God
- Have the joy of the Lord
- Seek to please God and serve others
- Learn who the enemy is and resist Him victoriously
- Maintain their first love: Devotion to Jesus
- Find a godly life partner that God is preparing, a mate who will complement them in their obedient walk with the Lord.



Praying blessings over my family...

I pray spiritual blessing. Come, Holy Spirit, give my family a revelation of God as Abba, Father. Give us a love relationship with Jesus so strong that we cannot resist Him. Give us sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and hunger and thirst for righteousness that conforms our conscience to the Word of God.

I pray emotional blessing. Give our family a revelation of Jesus as healer of emotions. Release healing to remove the ground for bondages (rejection, failure, resentment, jealousy, shame, etc.) Let us choose forgiveness for ourselves and others. Give us freedom from fear because God never fails us. Grant us a strong sense of hope to believe God for His promise.

I pray mental blessings. Spirit of truth, remove blinders of deception from our minds, so that we may know the truth and have godly wisdom and discernment.

I pray personal blessings. Holy Spirit, give us a sense of our personal value in Christ. Plant in us God-given vision for Your calling on our lives. Give us favor with God and with man.

I pray for right relationships. Teach us submission to God-given authority and counsel. Direct us toward right loyalties, godly soul ties, and healthy friendships that encourage us in our walk with you.

I pray for physical blessings. Cover us with Your hedge of safety, strength and good health.

I pray for financial blessing. Come, give us Your provision and right relationship to what You give. Let us acknowledge You as our Source and Provider.