

# Prayer

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*What is prayer? It is simply talking with our Heavenly Father about what we are concerned with and what we wish to praise Him for. We can pray anywhere we are and it can be for as long or as short as you wish. The Lord desires to hear from us and to speak with us often.*

*We need to pray ladies for our households because Satan wants to destroy them. He loves the fact that we do not bring our husbands or children before the Lord. It gives him more opportunity to conquer them, tempt them and lead them astray.*

*Do you pray daily for your beloved and the blessings that God has given to you? If you do, that is wonderful and keep it up! If not, start today! Start now!!*

*There are many things we can pray for our husbands about. Here are but a few in case you are having a hard time getting started.*

- 1. If they are not saved, start with their salvation. If they are committed to God already, pray that they will a strong and Godly influence at their place of work.*

2. *Protection- from evil influences, temptations and from unedifying language.*
3. *Safety- getting to work and back home again. Safety on the job. Some husbands have dangerous jobs like a police officer or firefighter, crossing guard. Some husbands travel daily in rush hour or fly around our world.*
4. *Pray that they are not under too much stress and that if they are that they will allow God to take the burden*
5. *Praise God for allowing you to have the honor of sharing this man's life. We can always be grateful to God and praise Him.*

*Now we come to our precious children that we love more than our own souls. The ones that we would give up our freedoms for. The ones that we would gladly give up our own lives for! Yet we do not pray for them regularly. Whether they are still so small or already fully grown, our prayers are urgently needed.*

*What can we pray for them for might be a hard question if you are not in the habit of bringing them before God's throne. Each child is different and each child has different needs so the list could be endless. The Good Lord can handle*

many requests and petitions on behalf of these little ones. Some prayers might include the following:

1. *For their salvation. Children may come to know the Lord at any stage in their lives. Start praying for this one before they even arrive on the earth and never give up!*
2. *For spiritual growth once they have accepted the Lord as their Lord.*
3. *School, friends, vocation. May your children have teachable hearts in school. Pray that their choice in friends would honor their Savior. May they rely on God to choose their path in life and not man's.*
4. *Pray for their life partner. It is never too early to pray for this one. Remember, now you are really praying for two children. Isn't it nice to know that someone out there is praying for your child and yet they do not know his/her name? Their prayer is just as sincere though. They want the best for their loved one.*
5. *Ask the Lord to show you how your child can minister to others.*

*God has given us as women such an awesome responsibility as wives and mothers. We have the opportunity to bring these people that we love before His throne and ask Him for His blessings*

*upon them. Don't shrink from the task! Don't put it off until tomorrow! Don't be carefree about it. We want what is best for our children! Start them off in prayer every day!*

*“...therefore be serious and  
Watchful in your prayers”  
1 Peter 4:7*