

EVERLASTING LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

HOW TO PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

A Husband's Prayers for His Wife

Pray that she will:

- Have patience – with children, in doing routine chores, etc.
- Have the joy of the Lord.
- Have a meaningful quiet time and will develop a close relationship with the Lord.
- Spend her money wisely.
- Be a good witness and testimony to her neighbors.
- Feel fulfilled in her role as mother and wife.
- Be able to use Biblical principles in dealing with the children.
- Recognize the enemy's attacks such as worry, discouragement, fear, or anger, and will resist them.
- Recognize her husband's leadership by submitting to him.

A Wife's Prayers for Her Husband

Pray that he will:

- Do his job well, accurately.
- Look to God for guidance in all decisions.
- Find favor with his colleagues, bosses.
- Be ethical, honest.
- Be a good witness to all he works with.
- Be known as a godly man.
- Enjoy his work, even in the difficult times.
- Love his wife as Christ loves the church.

Also, ask the Lord to help your husband to:

- Have a right balance between God, work, and family.
- Be the spiritual leader of the family.
- Be protected from any type of temptation, including sexual, monetary, or undue desire for power.
- Walk moment by moment under God's control in every area of his life.

For any weaknesses that are present, find positive Scriptures to pray for strengthening your spouse and he or she overcoming the problem through God's strength and power. You may have to pray that God will make the person aware of and willing to let the Lord correct the problem.

In addition to the specific prayer time set aside each day, husbands and wives can pray for family members every time they see their pictures on their desks, in their wallets, or at home. They can also pray while doing housework, on hold on the phone, when waiting for someone for an appointment, standing in line, at lunch, driving to work, in the shower, while dressing, or during commercials on TV.

Prayers for Children

Pray that they will:

- Accept the spiritual guidance of parents and the church.
- Have a hunger for the Word and will memorize it and meditate on it.
- Choose godly companions and be protected from any child who might lead them astray or wrongly influence their thinking.
- Be protected from wrong thinking.
- Avoid even the appearance of evil.
- Avoid all temptations.
- Have wisdom in all they do.
- Learn easily and do well in their studies.
- Be obedient and desire to do right.
- Have godly character qualities as found in Philippians 1:9-11; Ephesians 3:16-19, and 2 Timothy 1:7.

Pray that:

- Unsaved children will come to genuine faith in Jesus Christ.

Prayers for Teenagers

Pray that they will:

- Want to have godly principles and standards.
- Resist peer temptations.
- Resist all temptations - especially drugs, sex, pornography, and bad movies/videos.
- Accept the guidance of their parents and respect their counsel and standards.
- Develop the sensitivity to see the needs of others, have a desire to help others and care about them, and then do whatever they can to reach out to others.
- Seek the Lord for their future.
- Let God prepare them to be a good spouse.
- Trust God to prepare their future spouse to be a godly person or mate.
- Have godly character qualities as found in Philippians 1:9-11; Ephesians 3:16-19, and 2 Timothy 1:7.

Pray that:

- Unsaved teenagers will come to genuine faith in Jesus Christ.

For any weaknesses that are present, find positive Scriptures to pray for strengthening your children and teenagers and their overcoming of problems through God's strength and power. You may have to pray that God will make them aware of and willing to let the Lord correct this problem.

Prayers for the Family as a Whole

Pray that your family will:

- Be godly and led by God, with each member walking closely with the Lord.
- Have real unity and love between each and every member.
- Be a good Christian testimony to everyone around.

Prayers for Singles

Pray that they will:

- Be content with their single status.
- Be devoted to serving Christ.
- Pursue chastity.