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## INTRODUCTION

Marriage is one of the most exciting relationships God has created. And yet all marriages can use more of God, more of His Word, and more Christlike attitudes that put each other first. That's why we've written *31 Days of Prayer for My Wife*.

We've served hundreds of thousands of couples with training events and resources, and it's confirmed: every couple wants a strong, intimate, thriving marriage! Too often though, in their search for closeness, many couples find themselves asking the wrong question.

Could it be that an enriched, deepened marriage full of joy, intimacy, and fulfillment is realized not by focusing on and answering the question, "How do I get the most out of my marriage?" but by answering the question, "How does God get what He wants out of my marriage?" Through this resource, we give you a daily opportunity to hear God's perspective about your wife and your marriage. Inviting the Creator of marriage *into* a marriage is always a good idea.

Finally, we've also designed *31 Days of Prayer for My Wife* for your enrichment, encouragement, and growth. As you spend time with Jesus, in His Word and experiencing His Book, your life will forever be changed.

May God richly bless your time with Jesus and your relationship with your spouse.

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The Great Commandment Network is an international collaborative network of strategic kingdom leaders from the faith community, marketplace, education, and caregiving fields who prioritize the powerful simplicity of the words of Jesus to love God, love others, and see others become His followers (Matthew 22:37–40; Matthew 28:19–20).

*Day 1*

## WHY PRAY FOR MY WIFE?

*W*hy is it important to dedicate the time or make it a priority to pray your wife? Setting aside thirty-one days to pray for your spouse makes sense for many reasons. Here are just a few:

- **As we pray** for our spouse, we're joining Jesus as He prays on her behalf.

Hebrews tells us that "He lives forever to intercede with God on [our] behalf" (Hebrews 7:25). And the book of Romans reminds us "he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us" (Romans 8:34). Don't you imagine the Savior's prayer list includes your wife? When you pray, you have the privilege of joining Jesus in prayer for her.

- **As we pray** for our spouse, we're joining Jesus in His celebrations.

In Christ's last moments on earth, He revealed his loving desire for us: "that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full" (John 15:11 NASB). Jesus finds joy in your wife and in your marriage. Since marriage is a special

representation of Christ's love for the church, He feels an exceptional joy when He sees marriages thriving. He loves when our relationship is a testimony to a hurting world. When you pray, you have the privilege of joining Jesus in a celebration of the beauty of marriage (see Proverbs 18:22; James 1:17).

- **As we pray** for our spouse, we're joining Jesus in His concern.

Jesus feels compassion for the struggles in your marriage and any challenges your wife might be facing. His heart is moved with compassion when He sees your bride hurting, disappointed, discouraged, or alone. So join Jesus in praying for your spouse, lifting up concerns and asking the Lord to give you a deeper understanding of your wife. Praying for your wife allows the Holy Spirit to help you see what He sees, so you can love her the way that Jesus loves (see 2 Corinthians 1:2–4).

- **As we pray** for our spouse, we strengthen our own walk with Jesus.

Spending time with our Savior deepens our closeness with Him. As you pray, the Spirit will minister to your heart, to your needs, and to your concerns. So husbands, let's pray for our wives! Let's pray often. Let's pray consistently. Let's pray boldly. Let's pray faithfully (see Romans 8:26–27).

Take the next few moments and join Jesus in prayer.



- \* Jesus, when I imagine that I can join you in prayer, my heart feels grateful because \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* I want to join you in prayer for my wife. First, I'm grateful *for* my wife because \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* I lift up my wife to you and pray specifically that you would \_\_\_\_\_.

## Day 2

# HOW TO PRAY FOR MY WIFE

A world where the prince of darkness seeks to steal, kill, and destroy, needs Christ-followers who walk in the light (John 10:10; 12:35 NASB). For the next thirty-one days, we encourage you to take a journey of walking in the light. During your times of prayer, you will walk in the light of God's Son, God's Word, and God's people (John 8:12; Matthew 5:14; Psalm 119:105). As you take the journey, you will spend moments in personal prayer but then also pray for your wife. You'll pray for your wife to:

- encounter Jesus in fresh, new ways,
- live out the Bible frequently, and
- interact with people in supportive, practical ways.

Let's have a first encounter with Jesus. As you read these words from the Savior, imagine that He is speaking directly to you. Listen for His compassionate, strong voice. He's thrilled to share these moments just with you.

### **PRAY: LISTEN TO JESUS**

*The darkness of this world is all around you, and I don't want you to be overtaken. So I have a plan. I have a plan for your*

*protection, guidance, and strength. If you'll spend time with me, my Word, and my people, darkness won't have a chance. As you encounter me, I will protect you because I'm the Light of the world. Let my Word guide you and light your way. Let my people encourage you and give you strength. Walking in the light is the best place to be because that means we're walking together (see John 8:12; Matthew 5:14; Psalm 119:105).*

- \* Jesus, when I look at the darkness of this world, I feel especially concerned about \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Lord, I am grateful for your protection, guidance, and strength, particularly because \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Jesus, I also pray for my wife. I pray my wife would spend more quality time with you, your Word, and your people so that darkness doesn't have a chance in our home and in our marriage.
- \* I pray you would protect my wife from \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* I pray you would guide my wife in \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* I pray you would strengthen my wife in \_\_\_\_\_.

As you continue this journey of prayer, remember the goal. Your times of prayer can't be focused on changing your wife. These moments with Jesus and His Word are designed to first develop Christ-likeness in you. The destination of your journey is a person, and His name is Jesus. As you spend time focused on getting to know Christ and experiencing more of His love, as you spend time focused on living out His Word, not just reading or hearing it, you'll become like Him. This journey will change something—and hopefully it's you!

Finally, as you take this journey of prayer, it will also be important to remember this goal. Your wife doesn't need more things to do or assessments of her behavior. She rarely needs to hear more information or rational advice. Your wife will change as she encounters Jesus, His Word, and His people.

You may be thinking, *My wife needs to change in some areas. Our marriage needs to be stronger in specific ways. If I can't give advice or information or assessment, what can I do?*

**Pray.** Have your own encounters with Jesus and see what changes He might want to make in you.

**Live.** Consistently live out God's Word and experience Scripture in your home and in your marriage. Watch His Word make a difference.

**Act.** Use the ideas from this resource and take practical action steps. Take initiative to love your wife in practical, relevant ways.

Pray, live, and act. Then watch the power of God's Son, His Word, and His people make a difference in your wife and in your marriage.

## Day 3

# WHAT TO PRAY FOR MY WIFE

This book is designed to foster your Spirit-empowered faith—a faith that is demonstrable, observable, and only possible with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. A framework for this kind of spiritual growth has been drawn from a cluster analysis of several Greek and Hebrew words that declare that Christ’s followers are to be equipped for works of ministry or service (see Ephesians 4:12). Therefore, in *31 Days of Prayer for My Wife*, you’ll find specific sections that are designed around four themes (see Appendix 3, pages 131–139). A Spirit-empowered disciple:

- **Loves the Lord** by talking to and listening to God for daily decisions and direction for life (Luke 10:38–42). You will find seven days of prayer marked L-2.
- **Lives the Word** by demonstrating a love for God’s Word and living it out every day (2 Corinthians 3:2). You will find seven days of prayer marked W-2.
- **Loves People** by discerning relational needs of others and sharing God’s love in meaningful ways (Ephesians 4:29). You will find seven days of prayer marked P-3.

- **Lives His Mission** by actively sharing his life with others and telling them about the Jesus who lives inside of us (1 Thessalonians 2:8). You will find seven days of prayer marked M-1.

Our world needs couples living as Spirit-empowered disciples who are making disciples who, in turn, make disciples. Thus, *31 Days of Prayer for My Wife* rightly focuses on the powerful simplicity of:

- loving God as your first priority,
- living His Word because there's power and possibility in experiencing Scripture,
- loving people by developing a lifestyle of giving first to your wife and to others around you, and
- living His mission, which means building a lasting legacy.

After three days of prayer focused on why, how, and what to pray for your wife, we will turn our attention to specific prayer themes. Before we focus on these thematic prayers, we invite you to live out God's Word. God tells us that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us and grants our request (1 John 5:14–15). We know it's His will for us to love our spouses well, so we can count on Him to grant this request. Spend the next few moments in prayer. Make your request to God and look for how He gives to you: "If you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you" (John 16:23 NASB).

**LET'S DO THE BIBLE**

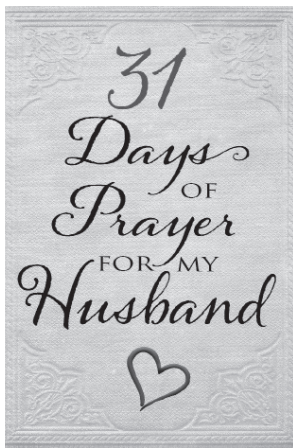
*God, I know it's your will for me to love my wife well, so I'm asking you to give me whatever I need to love her well. If I need to change, show me. If I need to see things differently, I'm ready. I'm asking these things in your name, knowing that you will answer my prayer and give me what I ask. In Jesus' name, amen.*





## OTHER PRAYER RESOURCES

AVAILABLE NOW!



### *31 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR MY HUSBAND*

Jesus is praying for your husband and He invites you to join Him!

Recall an image of Jesus you've likely seen—Jesus, on His knees, praying. Imagine leaning in to listen to what He is praying and hearing Jesus speak your husband's name. Experience Jesus' heart for your husband as you claim Bible promises for his future, intercede for his spiritual growth and witness, and declare his freedom and passion to love the Lord.

*31 Days of Prayer for My Husband* shares:

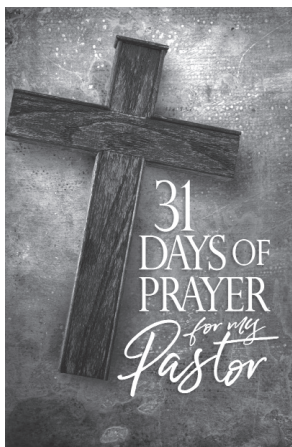
- True stories from wives to help you understand common challenges and opportunities for men.
- A powerful, Scripture-based prayer strategy for both you and your husband to better love the Lord, live God's Word, love people, and live His mission.
- Scriptures, prayers, and promises to declare over yourself and your husband.
- A practical resource for personal devotions, couples' studies, small groups, and ministries.

God has blessed you with your husband for a purpose. Support him through prayer and see the benefits in your own life.

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## OTHER PRAYER RESOURCES

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### *31 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR MY PASTOR*

Prayer for your pastor can change your church, your pastor, and you!

Church members need care, counsel, wisdom, and direction. And people outside the church need the gospel. These demands create unique pressures for every pastor. A pastor who says yes to all of the ministry needs often says no to a spouse and kids. When pastors have a personal crisis, they may feel alone and have few people to turn to for true support.

*31 Days of Prayer for Your Pastor* provides:

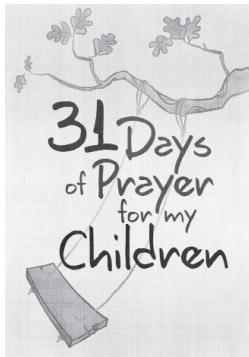
- Devotions designed around Spirit-empowered discipleship outcomes.
- True stories from pastors and key research findings to help you understand pastor challenges and opportunities.
- A powerful, Scripture-based prayer strategy for both you and your pastor to better love the Lord, love people, and live God's Word and mission.
- Scriptures, prayers, and promises to declare over yourself first and then for your pastor.
- A practical resource for pastor appreciation and a tool for launching a Pastor Prayer Team in your church.

God has chosen your pastor for a purpose. Support your spiritual leader through prayer, and see the benefit in your own life.

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## OTHER PRAYER RESOURCES

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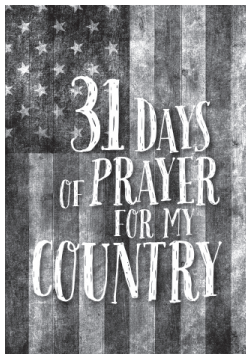


Available March 2018

*31 Days of Prayer for My Children* provides:

- True stories from parents praying for their children to help you understand common challenges and opportunities for children.
- A powerful, Scripture-based prayer strategy for your children to better love the Lord, love people, and live His Word and mission.
- Scriptures, prayers, and promises to declare over your children.
- A practical resource for personal devotions, family studies, small groups, and parenting ministries.

Experience Jesus' heart for your children. God has given them to you for a purpose. Support them through prayer and see the benefits in your own life.



Available May 2018

*31 Days of Prayer for My Country* provides:

- True stories from people praying for their country to help you understand common challenges and opportunities.
- A powerful, Scripture-based prayer strategy for better loving the Lord, living God's Word, loving people, and living His mission.
- Scriptures, prayers, and promises to declare over your country.
- A practical resource for personal devotions, small group studies, and other ministries.

Experience Jesus' heart for America. God has put you in this country for a purpose. Support it through prayer and see the benefits in your own life.

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