

## Praying For Your Wife

These prayers are personalized scriptures that will challenge you in your most important duty as a husband-praying for your wife. Like none other, your prayers provide a covering of grace and protection for her. Make this commitment, “As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for my wife (1 Sam. 12:23). I affirm my responsibility of loving, covenant-keeping headship of my wife. The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior (Eph. 5:23). I realize that my head is Christ, and the head of Christ is God (1 Cor. 11:3). O Lord, help me to be her loving head as You are mine, according to Your perfect plan. Thank You for being Lord over all in our home.”

Look up the scripture verses from time to time to “glean” all God might have for you to pray in each verse. As you are reading your Bible devotionally, you will want watch for other scripture promises to claim for your wife and other truths to pray into her life.

Pray for her from the top of her head to soles of her feet using the word of God. Present every part of her body to God, as His vessel of righteousness and grace (Rom. 6:13-14).

*It's your job to love her and cherish her.*

*It's God's job to make her a loving wife.*

### Her Spirit

Father, because Jesus is her Savior and Lord, Your Holy Spirit abides in my wife, according to Eze. 36:26-27, “I will put my Spirit in you.” By Your gracious Spirit, grow in her life Your abundant fruit, “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23),” as she dedicates herself to being filled daily with Your Spirit.

### Her Mind

Lord, open her mind to see You in the scriptures and receive Your truth (Luke 24:45). By Your work in her, she is made new in the attitude of her mind. I pray that she will choose to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (Eph. 4:23-24). I pray that she will not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by

renewing her mind, so that she will be able to discern and accept Your good, pleasing, and perfect will (Rom. 12:2).

I pray that my wife will personally know You as her Lord and with real certainty and devotion. May she seek You alone, the source of all wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:2-3). May she make it a priority to grow in being intimately acquainted with You and all Your ways (Phil. 3:8-10). May she obey You with her every thought (2 Cor. 10:5). May she not be carnally minded which is death, but control her thoughts by Your Spirit, which is life and peace (Rom. 8:6, 9).

I pray that she will remember what You taught, and let Your words enrich her life (Col. 3:16). Fix her mind on heaven's perspective, so she does not worry about things on earth (Col. 3:1-3). Cause her thoughts to dwell on what is true, good, right, pure, lovely, and admirable in her circumstances and in others. Remind her to think about everything she has to praise You for in all things (Phi. 4:8).

### **Her Eyes**

Keep her eyes firmly fixed on You, Lord (Heb. 12:2). Open her eyes that she may see spiritual truth (Psa. 119:18, 2 Kings 6:17). You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6).

May she keep her eyes open for spiritual danger, be spiritually alert, stand firm in the faith, and be courageous and strong (1 Cor. 16:13). Help her to watch out for sly attacks from the enemy (1 Pet. 5:8). Keep her spiritual senses tuned to desire and expect Your presence in her life continuously (2 Cor. 11:3). Keep her looking into Your perfect word that gives freedom, doing what she reads there, so that You may bless her (Jam. 1:25). May she clearly discern what is best, so that she may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ (Phi. 1:9-11). Grant her the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to enlighten her heart, so that she may know You better, understand Your glorious inheritance in her, and experience Your great power daily in practical ways (Eph. 1:17-19).

### **Her Ears**

Dear Father, faith comes by hearing, and hearing comes by Your word

(Rom. 10:17). I pray that my wife will receive Your instruction (Psa. 78:1). May she be sensitive to Your gentlest whisper of guidance (Isa. 30:21). Awaken her morning by morning to listen to You. When You speak to her, I pray she will not be rebellious or draw back from following You fully (Isa. 50:4-5). May she receive Your discipline (Due. 4:36) to warn her of the penalties of sin, to turn her from wrong doing, and to keep her from pride (Job 33:17).

### **Her Mouth**

Let her words and her thoughts be pleasing in Your sight (Psa. 19:14). Give her Your words so that she may know how to encourage the weary or misguided ones (Isa. 50:4). Open her mouth in godly wisdom and faithful instruction (Pro. 31:26).

Grant her boldness for You (Acts 4:29, Eph. 6:19). Open many doors for her to share the good news of Jesus, and give her Your words freely, and clearly. May she make the most of every opportunity as Your ambassador (2 Cor. 5:20). May her words always be gracious, so that she may know how to answer everyone (Col. 4:3-6). Whatever she does or says, let it be as an expression of the love, grace, and humility of Jesus (Col. 3:17).

Help her to stay her heart on You, so that she will not complain or argue (Phil. 2:14). Set a guard over her mouth (Psa. 141:3). Remind her not to say hurtful or judgmental things about others, but to say only what is wholesome and helpful for building others up according to their needs (Eph. 4:29). I pray that we will talk to each other much about You, quoting psalms, singing songs, making music in our hearts to You (Eph. 5:19).

### **Her Bones**

May my wife not be wise in her own eyes, but fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring her health to her body and nourishment to her bones (Pro. 3:7-8). Satisfy her and strengthen her body, so that she will be like a well-watered garden, like an unfailing spring (Isa. 58:11).

## **Her Heart**

May my wife worship You with wholehearted devotion and a willing spirit, for You, Lord, search the heart and understand every motive (1 Chron. 18:9). Enable her to obey Your command to love You with all her heart and with all her soul and with all her strength and will all her mind (Luke 10:27). Draw her close to Your heart, so that her heart will be filled with You alone to make her pure and true (Jam. 4:8).

Thank You for Your promise: “I will give you a new heart. I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and cause you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws (Eze. 36:26-27).” Create in my wife that new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires (Psa. 51:10). You desire to have a teachable heart, so warn her not to harden her heart toward You (Psa. 95:7-8).

Help her to guard her heart with all diligence, for it is the wellspring of life (Pro. 4:23). Cause her to speak good words from Your goodness stored up in her heart as Your word dwells in her heart, not speaking evil from evil stored up in her heart. Empower Your goodness in her heart to overflow to others continually and in increasing measure (Luke 6:45).

I pray she will trust in You, Lord, with all her heart, to acknowledge You in all her ways, and not lean to her own understanding. Thereby You promise to direct her in wise choices (Pro. 3:5-6). I pray that she will let Your peace rule her heart as Your word dwells in her, so that by the example of her confidence in You, she may teach others with all wisdom and with gratitude in her heart to you (Col. 3:15-16). I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in her heart as she trusts You. May her foundation be established deep in Your marvelous love. Enable her to understand and experience how wide and long and high and deep Your love really is, although it is so great we can never get to the end of it, so that she may be filled up with all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:17-19). See to it, Lord, that no root of bitterness grows in her heart and causes trouble in her relationships (Heb. 12:15).

## **Her Arms**

Make her arms strong for the tasks You give her (Pro. 31:17). Cause her to look to Your grace for her strength every morning, her salvation in time of distress (Isa. 33:2). Remind her that you say, “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert. But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit (Jer. 17:5-8).” May she never fail to bear fruit in every good work, drawing from Your eternal fruitfulness (Col. 1-10).

At Your direction, may she open her arms and extend her hands to the poor and needy (Pro. 31:20). Arm her with strength for Your spiritual battles and make her way perfect in obedience to You (Psa. 18:32, 39).

### **Her Hands**

I pray that she will continue to bless You, Lord, as long as she lives, lifting up her hands to You in prayer (Psa. 63:4). Train her hands for prayer warfare, subject to You as her Commander in Chief (Psa. 18:34). Cause her to be a strong soldier of the cross in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and keep her from entanglements that would hinder her from carrying out all service that pleases You (2 Tim. 2:1, 3-4).

### **Her Legs**

May she use all Your armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, so that she may stand strong in You (Eph. 6:10-11, 13). Help her to lay aside every weight and the sins that would trip her up, so she can run with patience the race that You have set before her, not looking to the left nor the right (Heb 12:1). Enlighten her to recognize the counsel of the ungodly, so that she will not walk in it. Instead, cause her to delight in Your truth, knowing that You promise to watch over the way of the righteous (Psa. 1:1-2, 6).

### **Her Feet**

Help her to walk by faith, and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7). Teach her to

hope in You, as You promised in Isaiah 40:31-“Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

May her walk with You consistently glorify You. Fill her with all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that she may walk worthy of Your name and please You in every way, growing in knowing You, being strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might, so that she may have great endurance, patience, joy, and gratitude to the Father (Col. 1:9-12).

Thank You for lifting her out of discouragement when things get tough and she is tempted to despair. Thank you, too, for setting her feet on a firm, sure path (Psa. 40:2). Continue to make her steadfast as she walks along with You (Psa. 66:9). Thank you that you delight in each step she takes and You direct her confidently (Psa. 37:23). Thank You for giving her power to tread on all the power of the enemy and to overcome him in all things (Luke 10:19).

### **Her Character**

I know that a good wife is worth more than jewels. Help her to mature as a woman of noble character with our family having full confidence in her. Strengthen her to do our family only good all the days of her life. Give her joy as she serves our family with willing and diligent hands in routine chores. Give her wisdom and grace in all business dealings. Help her to attend in good order to all the affairs of our household. Give her poise and dignity. Develop in her the inward beauty of a quiet and gentle spirit. May she enjoy the respect of others because of the fear of the Lord upon her life (Pro. 31:10-31, 1 Pet. 3:4).

Help us both to walk in the light of Jesus, so that we may have unbroken fellowship with You and with each other (1 John 1:7). Enable both of us to honor You by submitting to each other (Eph. 5:21). Give patience, faithfulness, and encouragement, and help us to live in complete harmony with each other—each of us with the attitude of Christ toward the other (Rom. 15:5). Keep us both vigilant to guard against any separation of spirit between us.

Let me prize her and love her as Christ loves His bride, the church, and unselfishly give myself for her so that she might be holy and blameless before You (Eph. 5:25-28). Teach me how to nurture her and cherish her (Eph. 5:28-29) and treat her respectfully as a joint-heir of the gift of life in Christ Jesus, so that my prayers will not be hindered (1 Pet. 3:7).

Lord, I will not get weary in my most important responsibility toward my wife, that is, praying for her, but I will keep at it, watching for Your answers and remembering to thank You when they come (Col. 4:2). I know that as I pray for my wife, and as the Holy Spirit helps her, You will cause all things to work together for the good of our marriage (Phi. 1:19, Rom. 8:28).

Glory be to You, God, who by Your mighty power at work in both of us is able to do far more than we could dare to ask or even dream of-far beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. May You receive all the glory in our lives and in Your church forever (Eph. 3:20-21). Amen.

**Dedicated to my “daughter-in-love”  
Marge Hardy Gunter  
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