

“Lead Me”

Prayer for Wives

Heavenly Father, you have called me to honor and serve my husband in grace, humility and love; and yet I so often let worry, insecurity and fear overshadow that calling. Unburden my heart from worry and expectations. Teach me to relinquish control of my life and marriage to you, for only you are strong enough to carry and sustain it.

Lead me to a place of deep trust and intimacy with you, so that I would seek no emotional fulfillment elsewhere, but would bring to my relationship with my husband a rich overflow of confidence and strength, making of our home and marriage a peaceful, restful haven. Show me how best to love my husband, supporting and respecting him, praying for and trusting the work of your Spirit in his heart and life.

Give me the wisdom to value what is eternal, so that I might be truly content with my present circumstances, and not fretful or anxious over family decisions and finances. Teach me to be beautiful as you define beauty. Let me be a creative and enjoyable friend and companion for my husband, gracious and kind, gentle in disagreement and quick to forgive.

Only as you lead me will I become the woman and wife that my husband needs. So lead me, O Lord. Amen.

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Prayer for Husbands

Christ Jesus, you have called me to love my wife tenderly and sacrificially, even as you love the church, but too often I know myself to be a selfish man with a distracted heart. Please give me patience, gentleness, and kindness toward my wife, and the wisdom to value her for her gifts and ideas. Teach me to be vulnerable with her, openly sharing my own heart and thoughts, hopes and fears, even as I seek to better understand hers.

Remind me to be ever mindful of her interests and needs with each decision I make and to structure my life in such a way that she receives the best of my energy and attention, rather than the leftovers. Give me the courage to passionately pursue relationship with her even when I feel wronged or wounded. Let me become for her a man of tenderness, kindness, creativity, and integrity, protecting and cherishing her by vigilantly guarding my own eyes and heart.

Above all, teach me to lead as you led, Jesus, in humility and service. Only by your grace can I be a godly man and a good husband for my wife. Lead me Lord, I pray. Amen.

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Prayer for Your Children & Grandchildren

Lead me, Father:

- Lead me that I might lead these children whose lives and hearts you have entrusted to me for a season.
- Lead me daily to the well of grace, that as I nurture and instruct my children I would find my own weakness, selfishness, and pettiness replaced by Your abundant strength, generosity and kindness.
- Lead me to listen and consider the thoughts and emotions of my children before I speak. Give me unusual insight into their hearts and lives. Guide me that I might guide them in the midst of the decisions and storms they will face. Supply me with wisdom to prepare them to live as agents of grace, redemption and mercy in a fallen and broken world.
- Lead me into a greater love for your word and truth, and into a greater hunger for you, so that my children might grow up in a home where your presence is known, learning by example what it means to seek you with all of their hearts.
- Lead me to the wisdom and sensitivity I need to be a nurturing steward of the gifts you have placed in my children- Let me see beyond the paths of my own life, that I might be open to the unique purposes and plans you have for them. Lead me to release my agenda for their lives, and to embrace and facilitate Your dreams for them instead.
- Lead me to diligence, discipline, and creativity in my work, that through the labor of my mind and hands your provision for the physical needs of my family would flow. And in seasons of sickness or unemployment, give me yet an unwavering faith in You as this family's Provider and Protector.
- Lead me to live each day with eternity in view, so that the ways in which I invest the time, talents and treasures you have loaned me will be an ongoing witness of Your infinite worth before the watchful eyes of my children.

Above all, lead me to the cross, the place where I might receive the grace required to humbly model for my family what it means to follow in the footsteps of Christ, loving and serving them as Christ loves and serves his church.

I bow my heart before you in recognition of my utter dependence. Leading this family requires more wisdom, selflessness and strength than I possess. But as you lead me, I know that you will show me the way to lead them.

It is in this hope and this promise that I expectantly pray. Lead me, Father. Amen.