

SEEKING GOD FOR REVIVAL WITHIN OUR FAMILIES

FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband (Ephesians 5:31-33 NASB).

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart (Colossians 3:18-21).

- 1** Father, in a culture that seems to know so little about covenantal marriage and the way it models Your sacrificial love for believers, please intervene to restore the purity of godly love within our homes (Ephesians 5:31-32).
- 2** Heavenly Father, please give every new husband emotional grace and spiritual wisdom as he leaves his father and mother in order to be lovingly joined to his wife (Ephesians 5:31).
- 3** Almighty God, please help every husband understand and clearly demonstrate what it means to love his own wife even as he loves himself (Ephesians 5:33).
- 4** Glorious Father, please help every wife understand and intentionally demonstrate what it means to show respect to her husband (Ephesians 5:33).
- 5** Father, seeing how independent attitudes are being encouraged by our culture, please help godly women understand how joyful submission to the loving leadership of their husbands is always fitting in Your eyes (Colossians 3:18).
- 6** Heavenly Father, please help husbands demonstrate Your selfless love to their wives and diligently strive to not become embittered toward them (Colossians 3:19).
- 7** Almighty God, please anoint and guide parents in the task of teaching their children that obedience in the home is something that pleases You greatly (Colossians 3:20).
- 8** Glorious Father, please show the fathers of my church family how to give instruction to their children without exasperating them or causing them to lose heart while they are in the learning process (Colossians 3:21).
- 9** Father, please bring repentance into the lives of prodigals who have left You and their earthly families. Please fill homes across the nation with these words: "This brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found" (Luke 15:32).
- 10** Heavenly Father, please help the men and women of my church family guard their hearts from speculative, relationally destructive sins by "taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).
- 11** Almighty God, seeing how adultery is often promoted as normal behavior within today's culture, please help the Christian men of my community understand that "the one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense" and has started down a path of self-destruction (Proverbs 6:32).
- 12** Glorious Father, please help the young men of my church family to be sensible as they commit themselves to a walk of godliness, becoming examples in faithfully serving Christ (Titus 2:6).
- 13** Father, with an increasing number of sexually active young adults in our nation who are choosing against marriage, please help us return to the biblical standards of marriage and sexual purity (1 Timothy 4:3; Hebrews 13:4).

- 14** Heavenly Father, please help the young women of my church family “to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored” (Titus 2:4-5).
- 15** Almighty God, please help the men in my church family who may have strayed away from You to be “won without a word by the behavior of their wives”—holy women who walk in godliness and remain in submission to their husbands (1 Peter 3:1-2).
- 16** Glorious Father, please help the older women of my church family to be “reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women” (Titus 2:3-4).
- 17** Father, please help believers throughout my community to treasure the sanctity of marriage and remain committed to the permanence God intended when He first established marriage (Matthew 19:8).
- 18** Heavenly Father, please help the older men of my church family to be “temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance” (Titus 2:2).
- 19** Almighty God, please help the families within my congregation devote themselves to regularly scheduled times of prayer, “keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving” (Colossians 4:2).
- 20** Glorious Father, please help the husbands and wives of my church family to be “harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit: not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead” (1 Peter 3:8-9).
- 21** Father, please help the husbands in my church family remain committed to living with their wives in an understanding way, honoring them as fellow heirs of the grace that is found in Christ Jesus (1 Peter 3:7).
- 22** Heavenly Father, please help the husbands of my church family love their wives just like they love their own bodies, nourishing and cherishing their wives just like Christ does for His body, the church (Ephesians 5:28-29).
- 23** Almighty God, please guide Christian husbands in sacrificially loving their wives just like Christ loved the church when He gave Himself up for her (Ephesians 5:25).
- 24** Glorious Father, as godly wives respect their husbands and walk in submission to them, please help all who observe their behavior understand that as Christians, we are to respond to Christ in just the same ways (Ephesians 5:22,33).
- 25** Father, please stir our hearts to piety as You call us to reverence our senior family members by assisting with their physical, financial, and spiritual needs (1 Timothy 5:4).
- 26** Heavenly Father, please help today’s church to “not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather to appeal to him as a father.” Also help us appeal to “younger men as brothers, the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, in all purity” (1 Timothy 5:1-2).
- 27** Almighty God, just as Jesus loved children and welcomed them to Himself, please help my church family to not hinder children from understanding and responding to the gospel of Jesus today (Luke 18:16).
- 28** Glorious Father, please help us to not idolize children or parents by putting them and their activities in front of our love and obedience to You (Luke 14:26).
- 29** Father, please help the children and parents of my church family not to become entrapped and divided by the sins of foolishness and bitterness (Proverbs 17:25).
- 30** Heavenly Father, please help the parents of my church family not to lose control emotionally when dealing with their children, but to lovingly bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).
- 31** Almighty God, please help today’s children learn how to respectfully honor their fathers and mothers (Ephesians 6:2).