



## ***A Month of suggested Prayers for Your Wife from Psalm 119***

*...no matter if she is currently lost as a lizard or saved as a saint.*

Of course no natural man or woman will crave the things of the Spirit or the Word of God without the Spirit first doing a work deep in their life. Paul said, ***“These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things”*** (1Cor. 2:13-15, nkjv). But this is why we need to pray for each other and for our wives—we want the Spirit working in and through us.

Here’s a list of things from Psalm 119 that we married men can pray over our wives about. Listen, it’s ok to pray about what we want see God do in the future if we are not in our prayers telling him how to do it, like we are somehow His coach. He doesn’t need our coaching or directing, but He does want to hear our prayers offered in simple faith. It’s often been said: Pray the solution rather than endlessly whine about or rehearse the problem before God. Too many Christians want to get alone and worry with God or by much repetitive talking ...I mean praying... coerce God to become as obsessively-hyper-focused on the problem people we want to change even to the degree we are. We are not to try and change people or make idols out of them. We are to look to God to change people’s hearts. It can get kind of depressing for anyone if we become intensely-focused on the problem all the time, instead of thinking and praying about what things can be like. God wants us to meditate upon the truth of His Word (the Solution) instead of on what has gone wrong or on who is doing wrong. If your wife is not yet a Christian, then you be spiritual and balanced and a blessing for her to be around as you show her love wisely. I think these suggested prayers below would be good for you to pray regarding your unbelieving wife or for a believing wife. Pray for her with her future in mind and your future together with her and God ...yes in hopes that she will one day see Jesus in you, repent and be born again. Then you could pray together for other people. It could happen. God won’t override her will, but He can do a whole lot.

I love praying these things for my wife, as the Word is so central to her walk with Jesus. I also find that her knowledge of and saturation with the Scriptures is an encouragement and protection for our family. I have often found that God leads me in my personal life and as I lead others through my wife’s counsel. How important it is for her to be washed with and living the Scriptures. Why not pray these things for your wife too? Take each point, look up the verse, and turn it into a prayer. Pray one each day of the month if you like. This is no magic prayer formula

or mantra for vain repetition, this is just a simple tract to run on, if a tract can help you pray biblically.

***Pray:***

- 1. That she will repent (if there's a need for this) and personally know and learn well from the Word (119:7).*
- 2. That she will be a real Christian (or become a Christian and then), hide God's Word in her heart and not sin against God (119:11).*
- 3. That she will be (or become) the kind of Christian that will declare the Word before others in a wise and winsome way (119:13).*
- 4. That in Christ, she will meditate on the Word and learn the ways of God (119:15).*
- 5. That in Christ, she will delight in the Word and not neglect it (119:16).*
- 6. That her eyes will become opened (if they aren't already) to see wonderful things in God's Law—His Word (119:18).*
- 7. That her soul will become consumed with a longing for the Word (rather than for the world, for religion or for carnal temporal things) at all times (119:20).*
- 8. That the Word will constantly be (or become to) her counsel in all things (119:24).*
- 9. That when she is discouraged, she will turn to God's Word and then allow Jesus Christ to be her life and strength and delight above all delights (119:25, 28, 143).*
- 10. That the Lord will give her (when she becomes a Christian if she is not already one) understanding and discernment in His Word (119:27).*
- 11. That God will be gracious to her and keep her from deceitful ways especially through the Word (as she becomes or lives as a real Christian) (119:29).*
- 12. That her heart will be turned to the Word and away from selfish gain and worthless things (119:36, 37).*
- 13. That as she grasps the goodness of the Word, God will take away any dread or fear that may have a hold on her (119:39).*
- 14. That she will trust in the Word, and use it to counter the enemy's evil ploys who would love to taunt or harass her (119:42).*
- 15. That the Word of truth will not be snatched from her mouth (or from her ears and mind when Christians come by to gently witness to her) (119:43).*

16. *That the Holy Spirit will continue to woo her in close so that she will seek out the Word and find in it true freedom for daily living (119:45).*
17. *That she will have a heart for and an opportunity to speak the Word to people of influence, and that she will do it boldly and without shame (119:46).*
18. *That her love and longing for the Word will grow, and that it will be sweeter and more valuable to her with each passing day (119:47, 72, 103, 131).*
19. *That the Word will come to her during times trouble (or of trial for Christian wives) and bring her comfort as He draws her by cords of love (119:52, 61, 83).*
20. *That she will be grieved when the Word is forsaken (119:53,136).*
21. *That the Word will become her song regardless of her outward surroundings (119:54).*
22. *That she will have close friends who really follow the Word (119:63).*
23. *That the LORD will do good to her according to His Word (119:65).*
24. *That she will learn knowledge and good judgment through the Word (119:66).*
25. *That she will become the kind of person who meditates long and often on the Word, gleaning much insight from it (119:97, 99).*
26. *That she will stay far from evil paths so she can obey the Word (119:101).*
27. *That the Word will become a lamp to her feet and a light to her path more an more, bringing her delight (119:105).*
28. *That she will stand in awe of the Word (119:120).*
29. *That the meaning of the Word will unfold to her, and that it will give her light and understanding (119:130).*
30. *That she will be firmly convinced that the Word is righteous and fully trustworthy (119:138).*
31. *That when she strays—takes a stride away from the Master’s side—she will quickly change her mind, seek the Word and that it will woo and Shepherd her back to God (119:176).<sup>1</sup>*

The Bible commands us Husbands to love our wives **"just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word"** (v. 26). Don't give up on your wife. Expect God to move in her life to reveal Himself. It might very well be someone other than you who leads your wife to the Lord, but you can be sensitive and share truth with her at certain times when she is open. Pray that God will

help you live with her in an understanding non-pushy way, and give you both good times of heart to heart discussion as you love her into His Kingdom.

Here are some additional prayer requests with verse references that might help guide you (the Christian husband) in how to pray for your spouse, to the end that she will believe.

- *Pray that God will continue to give the husband (yes, you if that applies) God's agape love for the wife and keep asking bluntly for the salvation of this precious unbelieving spouse (**John 3:15-16, 14:6; 1 Timothy 1:15**). I know that's a funny word to those in the world, but she is indeed precious to God.*
- *Ask that God would give the believing spouse hope and peace in what appears to be a hopeless situation (**Philippians 4:7**).*
- *Plead that God would protect the believing spouse from depression and despair (**Proverbs 17:22**).*
- *Pray that the believing spouse will live a godly life before the unbelieving spouse (**1 Peter 3:1**).*
- *Ask that God would enable the believing spouse to see that he or she can depend on God for everything (**Proverbs 18:10**). The believing spouse often feels alone in this situation. Yet, this believer must come to understand that in his or her personal relationship to God, he or she has everything that is needed to face any situation. Knowing God personally and walking with Him daily provides all the power, blessing, hope, and strength that a person needs to cope.*
- *Pray that they will be true friends to each other (**Proverbs 17:17, 18:24; John 15:13; 1 Peter 3:8**). Even though they do not share spiritual realities, those involved in this kind of marriage need to share everything else. This friendship could lead to the opportunity to share the gospel with the unbelieving spouse.*
- *Ask that the believing spouse will do what he or she can to please the unbelieving spouse (**Proverbs 12:4**).*
- *Pray that God would enable the believing spouse to show his or her disapproval of the unbelieving spouse's sinful lifestyle, words, or actions without being condemning and judgmental (**Proverbs 31:26**). The previous and current prayer requests provide a balance. On the one hand, the believing spouse needs to do everything possible to please the unbelieving spouse. This is a matter of kindness and love. Yet, this cannot be allowed to develop into a spirit of compromise. The believing spouse needs to know how to please the unbelieving spouse. At the same time, he or she needs wisdom to show disapproval of those things that are contradictory to the Word of God.*
- *Ask that God would enable the believing spouse to be faithful in her or her relationship to God and His church (**Matthew 22:36-38; Hebrews 10:25**). The believing spouse must continue to maintain his or her relationship to God even though the other spouse sees no need for this.*
- *Plead that God would give the believing spouse the wisdom to know when to share the gospel and when not to share the gospel (**James 1:5; Proverbs 17:27-28; Matthew 7:6**).*
- *Pray that God would enable the believing spouse to provide spiritual leadership and guidance for the children (**Deuteronomy 11:18-19, 32:45-46**). This request is especially needed when the believer is a woman. The man is to be the spiritual leader of the home. Yet, when the man is an unbeliever, the believing wife needs strength and wisdom to provide spiritual leadership and guidance for the children. Because the man will not do this, the responsibility falls to believing wife. She needs wisdom and insight for this. If the*

*believer is a man, pray that God will give him insight on how to lead his home in a godly way.*

- *Ask that the believing spouse will honor and respect the unbelieving spouse (**Proverbs 31:12**).*
- *Pray that the believing spouse will confess and repent of disobeying God (**1 John 1:9**). If the believing spouse disobeyed God and willfully married an unbeliever, this has to be dealt with by confession and repentance. There can be no spiritual power and blessing in an unequally yoked marriage until the believer deals with this sin.*
- *Plead that the believing spouse will be filled with the Holy Spirit and will manifest the fruit of the Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-23**).*
- *Ask that the believing spouse will do all that he or she can to provide an atmosphere of harmony in the home (**Romans 12:18**).*
- *Pray that the believing spouse will be sympathetic (**1 Peter 3:8**).*
- *Pray that the believing spouse would be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving (**Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:8; Mark 11:25**).*
- *Plead that God would give the believing spouse with the wisdom and strength to respond in a Christ-like way when the unbelieving spouse persecutes him or her for his or her relationship to Jesus Christ (**Proverbs 20:22, 24:29, 29:22; Romans 12:14**).*
- *Ask that the believing spouse will be humble (**1 Peter 3:8**).*
- *Pray that God would cause the believing spouse to know that He is with him or her and that he or she is not alone in this struggle (**Isaiah 41:13, 43:2**).*
- *Pray that God would give wisdom, tact and insight to the believing spouse so that he or she would know how to make the needs of the unbelieving spouse a priority without compromising his or her relationship to Jesus Christ (**James 1:5**).*
- *Ask that God would protect the believing spouse if the situation is abusive, whether physically or emotionally (**Psalms 3:7, 145:14**).*
- *Plead that God will surround the believing spouse with godly and faithful friends who will listen, help, and pray for the believing spouse and his or her beloved unbeliever (**Proverbs 17:17**).*
- *Ask that God would give the believing spouse the assurance of his or her salvation (**1 John 5:13**).*
- *Pray that the believing spouse will know that God does care and listens to his or her prayers (**1 Peter 5:7**).*
- *Pray that the children in this situation will be protected emotionally, physically, and spiritually (**Psalms 127:3**).*
- *Ask that God would heal the emotional pain that the believing spouse experiences in this situation (**Psalms 145:14, 147:3; Romans 12:12, 15**).*
- *Pray that Satan's plan to destroy this marriage and family would be defeated by the Holy Spirit through the Word and prayer (**1 Peter 5:8-9**).*
- *Pray that whatever demonic forces have been assigned to this situation would be bound and sent away by Jesus (**Mark 1:21-26**).<sup>2</sup>*

Living with and dealing with a beloved unbeliever can be a very challenging thing, even painful at times. Please don't give up serving them and living the life before them! Never lose heart! E.M. Bounds said, "**It is hard to wait and press and pray, and hear no voice, but stay till God answers. Keep praying and cling to the Lord! Remember His promise, 'I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined to me, and heard my cry'**" (Ps. 40:1).

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<sup>1</sup> Kurt von Schleicher adapted this part (from 1 through 31) from Bryce Bouchard's *"A Month of Prayers for my Wife."* Bryce did such a wonderful job with it for the purpose of Christian men praying for their Christian wives, and I simply wanted to make it so that other husbands could also use it in praying for their lost wives.

<sup>2</sup> These requests are from Dr. Kevin Meador.