

Prayers for our Husbands



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Introduction

1 Corinthians 8:6 – But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

The content of these prayers stems from the teaching in the booklet *Divine Pattern of Life*, by Adrian Ebens, available on www.fatheroflove.info, at no cost.

God has graciously brought us back to the knowledge of the Father and the Son, in whose image we were made, as husband and wife (Gen.1:27). God is showing us what is agape love (which is completely emptied of all self-seeking) versus eros love (which is always self-seeking).

In writing out these prayers I was confronted by my own sins, which led me to experience what is called “the ministration of death” (2Cor.3:7). One of the things that I had to learn was to appeal to my husband in a way that I do not condemn him. I had to learn the difference between “I am right and you are wrong” and “Where sin abounds, grace much more abounds” (Rom.5:20). The process of appealing to my husband became a place where my own sins also surfaced in large measures, so that the grace of God brings healing and restoration.

In these prayers I ask forgiveness for specific sins, most of which come from my own experience. I believe overcoming sins starts by confessing the specifics, as the Lord reveals it, which starts the restoration process towards a divine character.

I believe in a God that sees my sins and ... simply gives “no condemnation” for all of that (Rom.8:1). From time to time I am overwhelmed with the thought that God does not condemn me for any of my past sins ... He never condemned me for any of my sins... (John 5:22 and John 8:15). The words “Thank you, Father, for Your full forgiveness” seems inadequate for the measure of gratitude that I have for God’s forgiveness towards me.

I believe there is no perfect mate for my husband, but that we can find perfection in a relationship where condemnation has been replaced by acceptance and forgiveness. The Lord wants to lead us as wives back to

meaningful submission to our husbands, where submission is a place of safety. He wants us to grow away from the pressure of conformity to the world, where we are enticed to have dominion over our husbands.

*Yield to those leading you, and be submissive, for they watch for your souls, as those who must give account, that they may do it with joy...
- Hebrews 13:17.*

Let us accept the many “exceedingly great and precious promises” of God from his Word:

Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue, through which He has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world... - 2 Peter 1:2-4.

As I share my journey “of the hand of God that was good upon me...” may you “rise up and build” with “strengthened ... hands, for this good work.” (Nehemiah 2:18).

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To Anna Pace, Vancouver Island, Canada, for her help and her zeal.

Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer.

From the end of the earth I cry to You

when my heart is faint;

Lead me to the Rock higher than I.

For You have been a shelter for me...

I will dwell in Your tabernacle forever;

I will trust in the hiding place of Your wings.

For You, O God, have heard my vows;

You have given an inheritance to those who fear Your name.

~ Psalms 61:1-5 (MKJV)~

1. His wife

With this prayer we lay ourselves as wives before the Lord in submission to His will for our marriage.

One of my big struggles was (and might still be) to come to a place where I stop judging people, in general, but also specifically my husband. I had to lay down the words “I am right and you are wrong”, also in the underlying layers of my mind. I am learning to leave behind the past attitudes which expect punishment, resulting in fear. I *honestly* thought that the world’s dictations that “Girls Rule” have NOT been the source of ANY trouble in my marriage, until I started to acknowledge my wrong attitudes as the source of some of our difficulties.

I am now learning that submission to my husband is a place of safety and security, that there is no perfect mate for him, but a heart of submission and gratitude out of love for him will enhance the synchronization between us, which binds our hearts in unity.

Dear heavenly Father

I come humbly that You will make me and mold me into the person that is the perfect help mate for my precious husband. Help me to be true to my wedding vows, to stay right next to him during all circumstances in life, in good times and when disaster strikes.

Support me in shunning the desire to give in to the ever-present pressure of the world to be the leading and capable woman that the world declares over us as women. I ask forgiveness for my past mistakes in this regard. Help me to lead out with firm conviction in my areas where I need to lead, and help me to submit to my own husband without any exception. I can only do that by Your help, Lord Jesus, thank you that I can copy Your perfect example of submission to Your Heavenly Father (1 Pet.3:3,4).

I pray that I would be a good wife for him, being faithful in all the little daily duties that help make our home a comfort and happy haven for him (Prov.18:22). May I experience the fulfillment of Your desire for me to be his ‘help mate’ and companion, in raising the children (Gen.2:18), fitted to stand by his side as an equal to be loved and protected by him, that we may be one

in love and sympathy. Putting aside all foolishness and vanity, I pray that the beauty he sees in me would be those inner qualities You so desire me to possess: quietness, peaceable, thrift, thoughtful, generous and ever gentle – anticipating his needs.

Soften my heart and light up my countenance whenever I'm in his presence (Ps.42:11), that he may know he is loved, respected and ever being lifted up in prayer to You for wisdom and safe-keeping.

Place in my heart the desire to always speak to my husband in tones of respect, gentleness and love – being ever actuated with an understanding and forgiving spirit (James 3:17).

Give me the eye-salve to perceive whenever my husband is in need of my prayer intervention, pleading for that measure of faith to be increased, claiming Your victory over every foe (Eph.6:11,12). I pray that we both would be filled with the rich, full abundance of Your holy Spirit, and that it would encompass us like a wall of holy fire where You will be the glory (or character) in us (Zec.2:5), where the powers of hell cannot prevail against us.

Help me to encourage him in all good things, passing by the temptation to criticize or censure. I pray that I would wholly submit to Your injunction and let my husband lead our household in the strength and beauty of Your agape principles (1 Pet.3:7).

Father, I trust in You to perfect (rebuke, chasten) my husband in his transgressions as he is Your precious son in whom You take delight and desire to see him come to the full stature of manhood with Godly wisdom and understanding (Prov.22:15). Keep me from interrupting Your work with him by my selfish and impatient ways that would speak demands or reproach. Help me to always look to You whenever I believe my husband is struggling with difficulties or when I perceive my feelings are wounded. May I never forget the value of his soul (Job 12:10), and my duty to encourage and support him in his spiritual challenges.

Prepare us, Father, to work in unison towards fulfilling Your will in us and through us (Ps.34:3). Fill my husband with divine principles and conviction – ever expanding his heart with Your agape love. Allow me to magnify his blessings upon me, to all those around me (Deut.30:16).

I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Main author of this prayer: Anna Pace)

Great and precious promises given to us

And I, says Jehovah, will be to her a wall of fire all around, and will be the glory in her midst. – Zechariah 2:5.

Whoever finds a wife, finds good and gets favor from Jehovah. – Proverbs 18:22.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. – Proverbs 31:12.

2. His faith

“... as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.” (Romans 12:3)

In the closeness of a marriage relationship our spouses influence our entire being, so that each one's faith will have an influence on the other. Do I want my husband's faith to increase to fit my spiritual needs? I had to acknowledge my sin, find forgiveness and grow out of all selfish desires for my husband, not only because selfish desires spiral back to me in negative forms, but because it hurts the heart of God (Gen.6:6).

My desire for my husband is that he will be *found in Him, not having his own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, [having] the righteousness which is of God by faith (Phil. 3:9).*

Dear heavenly Father

Thank you for the measure of faith that You give to each of us (Rom.12:3). I ask that You increase my husband's measure of faith for him to become a blessing in the family and the community.

Help him to stand firm in his faith in You, in dependence on You, help him to understand who You really are, that You are merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth (Ex.34:6). Bring him in a closer relationship with You, his heavenly Father. Help him to understand how You speak to him and how Your plan of salvation is explained in the Word of God. Open his heart to replace the heart of stone with the heart of flesh, as he grows in spiritual matters (Eze. 11:19). Help him to believe that he has received everything from You, his heavenly Father (Eph.1:3), and that You will provide him with everything that he needs.

If a sense of his sins overwhelms him, help him to see his desperate situation, as well as Your agape love for him, along with Your full forgiveness. Influence him by Your Spirit in the right direction. Help him to see Your character and Your kingdom as it really is – a character and kingdom of love.

Help me to have faith and trust in You, that You will guide my husband in all Your ways, so that there will be righteousness (the right way of living) between us (Gen. 15:6). Help me to support him in his faith, as his spiritual helpmate that You created me to be “bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh.” (Gen.2:18,23).

Provide him the faith that works by love, and that purifies the soul. Help him to exercise faith, even if it is utterly contrary to all evidences of sense or emotions. (Source: 6LtMs, Lt 42, 1890, par. 5). I ask that he receive the blessing of Abram, due to his faith and the righteousness of Christ by faith (Gen.15:6).

I ask that <my husband> will stand firm in his faith in You until it is time for him to be laid to rest.

I ask this in the Name of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

But the Scripture shut up all under sin, so that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. - Galatians 3:22.

Here is the patience of the saints. Here are the ones who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. - Revelation 14:12.

3. His work

In today's economic turmoil more hours are spent at work than indicated in God's original plan. The world is trying to bring as many as possible into "slavery" by the economic needs of families. People are under the impression that it is a good thing to minimize times of refreshing and retirement for rest. It is certainly a good thing to work hard - laziness indicates a lack of care (Prov. 18:9), but let us trust God for work conditions for our husbands where a balance between economic and family needs, as well as spiritual needs, can be maintained.

Dear heavenly Father

I pray for my husband to have a job and an income that is stable, which brings the necessary stability and meet our needs. Help him to find and keep an income that echoes his goal in life. I ask that he enjoys his work, that he continues to grow in excellence in what he does.

If he is doing something that is not in line with Your will, show him the path of change and guide his feet along Your pathways. Help him to discern the principles of earning income as laid out in Your Word. Protect him from walking into circumstances at work where he is tempted to bend the rules of honesty, or overstep his Biblical principles. Protect him from lawsuits and seal the mouths that speak negative about him (Ps. 140:9). Help him to always stand up for the good of others, like Daniel stood up for his colleagues when they were to be put to death due to inability to perform the king's wishes. (Dan. 2:23,24)

Thank you for the many opportunities of special times, when we may stop all work and come into Your presence to ask for guidance, strength and light before moving back into work again. Unite us in these times of refreshing, which comes each day, each week, each month and during annual feast times. Thank you for Your promises of protection on his income, that it will not be lost or devoured in any way (Deut. 28:1-6).

I thank you for Your many promises that my husband will always have an opportunity to earn enough income that satisfies our needs, even during times of instability in this world. Thank you that we need not look to the world's

standards. Thank you that You are our Provider of our needs, at the right time and in enough quantities to give to others as well.

I ask this in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

Jehovah will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry... - Proverbs 10:3.

Blessed is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, ...who gives food to the hungry. - Psalms 146:5,7.

Behold, I, I have called by name <insert your husband's name> And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all workmanship, to devise design ... to work in all workmanship. - Exodus 31:2-5.

And it will be, if you shall listen carefully to the voice of Jehovah your God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command you today, Jehovah your God will set you on high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you, if you will listen to the voice of Jehovah your God. You shall be blessed in the city, and be blessed in the field. The fruit of your body shall be blessed, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your cows, and the flocks of your sheep. Your basket and your store shall be blessed. You shall be blessed when you come in, and blessed when you go out. - Deuteronomy 28:1-6.

4. His role as husband in the divine pattern

Husband and wife was made after the image of God (Gen. 1:26; John 17:21), but the imprint of God 's image on us as a race has been marred by sin. Jesus demonstrated the restoration process.

Christ, as the Son of God, is the perfect example of both submission and leadership. Jesus Christ is a perfect example (the divine pattern) of submission to his Father's will. Yet, in His submission, Christ has been given a Name above all Names, as Lord over all (Phil.2:5-11), which makes the submission principle the first requirement of leadership. We as wives have Christ's perfect example of submission and gratefulness. By our submission we can encourage our husbands to move into his leadership role. God, in His wisdom, provided these roles as opportunities to pour out His blessings through us to others.

Dear heavenly Father

Thank you, Father, for Your revelation of who You are, that You are a heavenly Father to us, and that we can approach You through Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we can copy the meek and submissive Spirit of Christ. I trust that You will grow me and my husband in our roles within the divine pattern.

Forgive me for my past mistakes where I have been distrustful of You, and therefore unable to receive my husband's blessings. Thank you for Your full forgiveness. Thank you for the opportunity and wisdom that You provide me to support him.

Help him to understand that he receives everything from You, and help him to grow an appreciation for blessings received. Help him to be a blessing to our family, as well as to the community, in acts of gratitude for what he has received from You. Help me to support his efforts to bless others.

I ask for a clear understanding that both myself and my husband have absolutely nothing good within ourselves (Rom. 3:10,11) and that we receive the life that we have from You on a continual basis every day (Ps.36:9; Joh.4:14) and that it is impossible to bring life from ourself into our marriage relationship. Protect us from expectations towards each other to be fulfilled. Thank you that we can source all goodness from You, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts (James 1:17).

I thank you, heavenly Father, for restoring the blessings of forgiveness, submission and gratitude in our relationship. I trust You to bring us closer to the original plan of agape love. Amen.

(Source: Original Love, by Adrian Ebens.)

Great and Precious Promises given to us

No one has seen God at any time; the Only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. - John 1:18.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light. - Psalms 36:9.

...To him who thirsts I will give of the fountain of the Water of Life freely. - Revelation 21:6.

Come to Me ... and I will give you rest. Take My yoke on you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest to your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light. - Matthew 11:28-30.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. - Mark 10:45.

5. Finding his Identity in Christ

“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’” Matthew 3:17

Dear heavenly Father,

I ask that You help <my husband> to find his identity in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man. Give my husband the beautiful revelation that he is loved and accepted by You, heavenly Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ (Matt.3:17). Help me to understand that I am accepted and loved by my husband because of the acceptance and love in Jesus Christ.

Help him to understand that You are the source and fountain of all life. Help him to steer away from other sources with empty promises to succeed in life. Help him to understand that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ (Col.2:2,3). Help him to know that You provide capabilities

to him by Your Spirit (Exo.31:3). Help him so see that all his talents are from You.

Reveal to him that he has a place in Your heart, that You have unnumbered good thoughts towards him (Ps.40:5; Luke 12:6,7). Open up to him the meaning of the words “You are my beloved son, in whom I am well-pleased” (Matt.3:17). Help him to base value of himself (and other people) within a relational context, and not on capabilities and performance.

When crisis and failure come, help him to turn to You as his heavenly Father through Your Son Jesus Christ for full restoration (Ps.107:28). Show him how to accept his failures with calmness. Thank you that You remove his guilt and insecurity and replace it with a sense of his identity and value as Your precious son. Thank you that You will be beside him to help him stay focused on Christ as his source of every need, and to focus on Your destiny for his life. Thank you that You uplift him to rise to success again with gratitude for Your work in his life (Ps.107:29-31).

Thank you, Lord, that You reveal Your love and care to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Source: Identity Wars, by Adrian Ebens)

Great and precious promises given to us

Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not fear, you are of more value than many sparrows. - Luke 12:6-7.

No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. - John 15:13.

...though indeed He is not far from each one of us. For in Him we live and move and have our being, ... For we are also His offspring. - Acts 17:27-28.

6. His mission in life and life choices

"I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jer.10:23).

Dear heavenly Father

I ask that You will direct the way and the steps of <my husband>. I ask that he will make choices of importance according to the principles set out in Your laws. Teach him Your principles. When it comes to choices that are not directly set out in Your principles, give him clear guidance when he turns to You for directions, and protect him from the wrong paths.

I ask You to help me to keep away from interfering with his choices to suit my selfish needs. Help me to give him full freedom to make the choices he has to make, to understand the mission for his life, and to support him in it, especially during times of changes to his life's mission and serious decisions, should it ever become necessary.

I also know that You walk the path of restoration if we fall away from Your will (Ps.107). I ask that You will provide me the grace and patience as his wife and helpmeet, during times that he has to endure the consequences of bad life choices. Thank you that I can stand under Your wings of protection during these times. Help me not to be taken down along with him, but to stand on Your Word and Your principles in my own choices (Ps.119:43). I ask forgiveness for my wrong words and negative attitudes. Please wash away my judgmental disposition and fill me with the tender compassion of the heart of Jesus, for I long to be like Him.

Thank you for Your invitation to walk at liberty as he seeks Your precepts (Ps.119:45). Thank you that You will determine his path of life, as he lifts up his soul to You. Thank you that You fit him for eternal life of service in Your Kingdom, under Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

"...cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You." Psalms 143:8

Concerning the works of men, by the Words of Your lips, I am kept from the paths of the destroyer. - Psalms 17:4.

You put my feet also in the stocks, and look closely to all my paths; You set a limit for the soles of my feet. - Job 13:27.

Make me know Your ways, O Jehovah; teach me Your paths... All the paths of Jehovah are mercy and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. - Psalms 25:4,10.

7. Emotional healing

“He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.” (Psalms 23:3)

*“To You, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You ... His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth ... Keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.”
– Psalms 25:1, 13, 20.*

We were made with unique reasoning capacities and emotional expression of our thoughts. Sin has damaged both our reasoning and our emotional expressions. In my own emotional journey I found that my emotional imbalances increases when I am convicted of sin. The ever-present struggle with sin brings troubles to my soul, which makes forgiveness very important for my soul restoration, because God brings release and rest to our souls, starting with forgiveness (Mark 2:9,10).

Dear heavenly Father,

I thank you that we can turn to You for restoration of the soul (Ps.23:3). Thank you that we can find rest in Jesus Christ, who rests at Your bosom (Joh.1:18), especially during Your appointed times of rest (Ex.31:17). As his wife, I earnestly pray that I would have the fortitude and will of character to refrain from provoking my husband in any manner that would cause him to suffer negative emotions.

Help him with the interaction between sanctification (character building) and emotional rest (soul restoration). Help him to identify the most prominent sin of all, selfishness. I ask forgiveness on his behalf (as well as for myself) for the sin of selfishness in these matters. Thank you for Your full forgiveness and restoration from sins in this regard.

During times of stress and distress, help him to trust You for our safety, and please grant him the sleep that he needs (Ps.4:9). Restore his faith in You to allow positive emotions, so that negative emotions have to leave (LS 264.4), to such an extent that the healing far exceeds his expectation. Bring a clear, unobstructed view of Jesus who heals the existing difficulties. Soften his heart to imitate the subdued Spirit of Christ. Open his spiritual eyes to the wonderful sacrifice You have made in giving Your only-begotten Son to die for us. (16LtMs, Lt 97, 1901, par. 5).

Help him to make a constant decision of his will to believe that God means just what He says; if he continues to put his trust in Jesus, the source of all power, he can have the assurance that You will keep that which <my husband> has committed to Your trust (his soul), until the day of Your return (2Tim.1:12). Thank you for the assurance that he is triumphant in You, every day, as he brings every emotion, every thought, into captivity to the mind and will of God. Remind him that he has put his will in Your trust and that You have taken possession of it. (Source: 6LtMs, Lt 42, 1890, par. 4) I thank you for his full restoration.

I thank you for the rest that You bring to our sin-sick souls (Jer.6:16; Matt.11:29), in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

... hear in Heaven, Your dwelling-place, and forgive, ...For You, You only, know the hearts of all the sons of Adam. - 1 Kings 8:39.

So says Jehovah, stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths where the good way is, and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls... – Jeremiah 6:16.

Take My yoke on you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest to your souls. – Matthew 11:29.

I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy; for You have looked on my affliction; You have known my soul in troubles. - Psalms 31:7.

A man cannot at all redeem a brother, nor give to God a ransom for him, for the redemption of their soul is precious... - Psalms 49:7-8.

8. Law of God: One true God

I am Jehovah your God, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make to yourselves any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them. For I Jehovah your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons to the third and fourth generation of those that hate me, and showing mercy to thousands of those that love Me and keep My commandments. - Exodus 20:2-6.

Our heavenly Father gives special visitation (His special involvement, oversight and care) to people who have not been taught in His ways. These visitations are in accordance to His everlasting mercies (Ps.136), but also to respect of our freedom of choice, for love for Him to abide in our hearts. I believe love never uses any force, because it will remove the freedom found in pure love (Luke 1:74; 1 John 4:18). When we wander away from God, He pays special visitations, in which He becomes jealous of our affection. He walks with us on a road to restoration. He never uses any force to compel us to serve Him (Ps.107).

I find that this view of God is very different from the view that I held onto for many years. In fact, the difference is so vast, that it took many changes in

my approach to God, so much that I asked Him to forgive me for worshiping a Being that is so totally different from Him as a loving and caring Father. Since I found forgiveness of these practices (some of which come very close to heathen practices – I call it idolatrous practices), I have found much peace and freedom in my relationship with my heavenly Father, as well as my Bible studies and prayer life.

Dear heavenly Father

Thank you for being our only one true God and providing us freedom from the slavery of sins (Exo.20:2; John 17:3). Help <my husband> to have no other things in life of more importance than You, heavenly Father (Exo.20:4). Help him to set his priorities, so that he can clearly identify and give up anything that is coming between him and You.

I ask that You make it clear to him how Your divine jealousy works. I ask for Your special attention to <my husband> in specific areas where he has not been trained by his parents in Your ways. Help him to identify past mistakes and to grow in Your principles and Your ways, as he grows in his understanding of who You are.

I ask for forgiveness for his (and my) past mistakes where he has used force to implement Your ways. I ask that You bring to him a full revelation of the processes that You allow to happen, in order to turn your children back to You. Help him to know that You stand ready to turn any hardened part of his heart back to You. Help him to know You as a merciful God, abundant in goodness and forgiveness.

Help <my husband> to identify any forceful ways where the world imposes its principles on us as a family. Help him to trust in Your protection for us. Guide his thoughts to provide solutions for us as a family when the world forces rules and regulations that are contrary to Your principles of freedom. Help him to stand firm in his faith in You as the only true God, and in Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. Strengthen him to bear the worldly threats of consequences – knowing it is far better to rely upon You and Your safekeeping in times of peril (Rom.8:35; Joh.17:3).

I ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Source: *Father of Love*, by Kevin Mullins)

Great and precious promises given to us

Hear, O, Israel. Jehovah our God is one Jehovah. - Deuteronomy 6:4.

And Jehovah passed by before him and proclaimed, Jehovah! Jehovah God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the sons, and on the sons of sons, to the third and to the fourth generation. - Exodus 34:6-7.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is His mercy toward those who fear Him. - Psalms 103:10-11.

For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption by which we cry, Abba, Father! - Romans 8:15.

9. Law of God: taking the Name of God in vain

You shall not take the name of The Lord your God in vain. For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain. - Exodus 20:7.

Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. - Matt.6:9,10.

Dear heavenly Father,

Thank you that You reveal Yourself to us as a heavenly Father. Reveal Yourself to <my husband> in such a manner that he will revere Your Name and Your character in all situations.

Father, I ask You to forgive me where I, as his wife, have spoken bad of him before other people, taking his name "in vain." Forgive me for becoming

frustrated and impatience with his shortcomings. Help me to apply wisdom and forgiveness when things go wrong. Help me to believe in You, that You will build his good character and his good name to Your glory. I thank you for Your forgiveness regarding all these matters.

I ask that You keep his spoken words pure to refrain from taking Your Name in vain. Help him with his emotional reactions in challenging circumstances, especially when other people take Your Name in vain. Give him wisdom and patience to address the matter, if necessary, with the individual who has taken Your Name in vain.

Grow in him a love for Your Word and Your character. Thank you that he can behold the beauty of Your Name. Let it be to him a strong tower where he can run and be safe (Prov.18:10). Thank you that he can view Your strength through Your character, which is manifested in Your mercy (Ps.62:11, 12). Thank you that You teach him Your ways and Your strengths.

I praise Your Name and the Name of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.
(Source: FatherofLove.info)

Great and precious promises given to us

And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Jehovah, have not forsaken those who seek You. - Psalms 9:10.

O Jehovah, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! - Psalms 8:9.

We will rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up banners; may Jehovah fulfill all your prayers. - Psalms 20:5.

10. Law of God: Sabbath keeping

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of Jehovah your God. You shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your

daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger within your gates. For in six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore Jehovah blessed the Sabbath day, and sanctified it. - Exodus 20:8-11.

Our own family entered the Sabbath rest at an advanced stage of our lives, when our children were pre-teens and teens. Initially we missed the deeper layers of rest from works and release from sins found in Sabbath keeping. Yet God patiently led us into a better understanding of the comprehensiveness of Sabbath keeping. We are now starting to see the deep strong relationships that are built with our heavenly Father and between people, during times of deep rest. Let us trust God that He will lead our husbands into a Sabbath keeping (or rest receiving) that is relational.

Dear heavenly Father,

I ask that You impress on my husband's mind the importance of the sabbath rest and the power within this fountain of life. Help him to understand and embrace the blessings that flows during the sabbath hours. Help him to see the connection between all the other laws and this source of all laws, the sabbath keeping. Help him to experience the beauty of the entire law through the sabbath. Help him to see the reason for Your law: to find rest and peace in You (Ps.119:165).

Forgive us as a couple for implementing the sabbath keeping commandment with a rod, which removes the joy of accepting Your offer to enter into rest and release. Forgive us for the wrong impressions of this commandment that we have left in the minds of others. Restore what needs to be restored, and bring Your gentle healing.

I ask that You open up his heart to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual rest of the sabbath. Bring restoration to him – body, soul and mind – from this life's stresses and worries; help him to lift up his heart to You in praise and thankfulness during these sacred hours of rest.

I ask that You open to his mind the importance of the daily, weekly, monthly and annual times of rest and release, as described in Your law. (Lev. 23). Thank you for giving him rest and that You bring Your restoration during those times of refreshing (Matt.11:29; Acts 3:19; Ps.19:7).

Thank you that <my husband> can lead our family to spend time together in Your Word and in prayer during Sabbath hours, so that we can increase in knowledge and wisdom found in Your Word (Prov.3:13,16). Thank you that Your ways are ways of pleasantness and that all Your paths are peace (Prov.3:17).

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Source: Divine Pattern, by Adrian Ebens; Fountain of Blessings, Adrian Ebens and K. Mullins)

Great and precious promises given to us

And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. And also I gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am Jehovah who sets them apart. - Ezekiel 20:11-12.

Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the sabbath. - Mark 2:28.

If you turn your foot because of the Sabbath, from doing what you please on My holy days, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of Jehovah, honorable; and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in Jehovah; and I will cause you to ride on the high places of the earth, and feed yourself with the inheritance of Jacob your father. For the mouth of Jehovah has spoken. - Isaiah 58:13-14.

11. Law of God: Honoring Parents

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which Jehovah your God gives you. - Exodus 20:12.

Dear heavenly Father,

Thank you that we can revere and honor You as our heavenly Father, finding rest and comfort in Your presence.

Help my husband to understand Your design, that You provided us the example of the humble submissive Spirit of Christ. Help my husband to teach our children this principle of humble submission to us, their parents. I ask You to help him overcome past habits which carries underlying dishonoring to his own parents, if there are any. Forgive me where I have been dishonoring towards my husband, who is my authority. Forgive me where I have been dishonoring his parents. Thank you for Your forgiveness, and help me to correct my habits in an appropriate manner that brings honor and reverence to You and Your Name (Your character). Show my husband how to lovingly correct his wrong habits towards his parents, whenever words or situations occur and he finds himself at disagreement with them.

I ask that You show him how to honor authority structures in our society, at his workplace and among his colleagues. Help him to respond in an appropriate manner if he has been wronged, and help him to see his own mistakes before he accuses another (Titus 2:9,10). Help him to forgive if there has been misconduct from the authorities in his life. Pour into his heart the meek Spirit of Christ in order to be a willing servant, as Christ demonstrated to us on earth (Eph.6:5-9). Thank you that You walk with him if he needs to walk the path of appeal to his authorities if they have done something against him. Thank you for the wisdom that You provide in Christ. (Prov.1:20-33).

Thank you that You help me as I demonstrate to our children to honor him as father and leader in our home. Thank you for Your wisdom and strength.

Thank you for making clear to my husband's mind the relationship between restful sabbath keeping and the honoring of parents. Thank you for

Your principles of reverence to parents and authority, motivated from the peaceful rest of Christ in his life (Prov.14:27).

I ask these in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

Sons of sons are the crown of old men, and the glory of sons are their fathers. - Proverbs 17:6.

“Blessed is everyone who fears Jehovah, who walks in His ways. For you shall surely eat the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and all is well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine by the sides of your house; your sons shall be like olive plants around your table. Behold! So shall the man be blessed who fears Jehovah. Jehovah shall bless you ... all the days of your life. Yea, you shall see the sons of your sons...” - Psalms 128:1-6.

12. Law of God: You shall not kill

You shall not kill. - Exodus 20:13.

There are many Bible passages that speak contrary to this principle of life-giving (You shall not kill), which seem to indicate that the Lord gives orders to murder people. Sin brought us to the point where we believe that God will take men’s lives if they fail to do His will. These seem in contradiction with the new commandment of Jesus Christ, “...that you love one another.” (John 13:34). Jesus was quoting from the Old Testament (“... you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”- Leviticus 19:18). Jesus added that He demonstrated to us how to love God and our neighbour, “As I have loved you, you should also love one another...” (Joh.13:34). Harmonizing these seemingly contradictions is not an easy task for us who have filled our minds with the wrong understanding of God as a God of wrath, causing death of the sinner due to trespasses. Let us trust our loving heavenly Father to open the minds of our husbands to the true understanding of God’s principles of life and death, for him to lead us into a better understanding of God’s love for us.

Jesus said ... He who has seen Me has seen the Father. - John 14:9.

Dear heavenly Father

I thank you that You are the fountain of life (Ps.36:9) which You give us through Your Son, Jesus Christ (John 6:57). Thank you that You never want to bring us any harm in Your approach to us. Thank you for the merciful road to recovery that You walk with each of us when we allow unrighteousness in our lives (Prov.3:11,12).

I ask that You speak to the heart of my husband and open to his mind in full clarity Your life and death principles, that You are true to Your law and Your character, that You never take life away. Help him to clearly see Your character of agape love in Scriptures and help him to communicate and demonstrate it in clear terms to us as a family.

I ask that You bring <my husband> to understand that the wrath of man does not bring righteousness (James 1:20), but that it can bring death (Matt.5:22). I ask that You give <my husband> a clear view of Your wrath, how You withdraw Your protection from us if we turn or backs on You by rejecting Your counsels, and grant Your protection again when we turn back to You with repentance and obedience (Ps.32, especially Ps.32:10). Thank you that I can trust You to open the truth of Your wrath, as well as Your forgiveness, to his mind so that his own character and his wrath is molded after Yours, rejecting all human wrath (Rom 12:19-21).

I thank you for Your agape love, and that there is no evil in You at all. Thank you for Your forgiveness for us (both myself and my husband) for our past way of thinking about You, Help us as a couple to grow towards Your agape love of absolutely NO bitterness, animosity or hate toward anyone for any reason. I ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

Behold! I have set before you today life and good, and death and evil, in that I command you today to love Jehovah your God, ... so that you may live and multiply. ... I have set before you life and death, blessing

and cursing. Therefore, choose life, so that both you and your seed may live ... For He is your life and the length of your days..." - Deuteronomy 30:15, 16, 19, 20.

For You, Lord, are good and ready to forgive, and rich in mercy to all those who call on You. - Psalms 86:5.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light. - Psalms 36:9.

I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who thirsts I will give of the fountain of the Water of Life freely. - Revelation 21:6.

The fear of Jehovah is a fountain of life to turn aside from the snares of death. - Proverbs 14:27.

13. Law of God: His marriage

You shall not commit adultery. - Exodus 20:14.

And Jehovah God said, It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him... And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman because she was taken out of man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they shall be one flesh. - Genesis 2:18-24.

Dear heavenly Father

I thank you for this wonderful man that You have given me in marriage. I ask that You give us both respect for the unity and sanctity in marriage. Help us to guard this precious gift and treasure it and look after it.

Lead him into victory in the face of every temptation, deliver him from the evils of the internet, pornography, other women, drugs, finances and any other temptations (name specifics) that would bring a wall of separation between us and bring suffering into our marriage (Matt.6:13).

If there were past relationships outside of our own relationship, I ask that You guard us from past memories and past mistakes, not to repeat these.

If I find that things go wrong, I ask for a sanctified channel of communication between us. Help me to appeal with the submissive Spirit of Christ. I ask that You show me where I have gone wrong. I ask for a spirit of repentance from both of us, in order to experience Your full forgiveness for us (Matt.6:14,15). Thank you for Your forgiveness of all our sins. (1 John 1:9). Thank you for Your ways of restoration and growth back to health. Help us to walk hand in hand back to You, our heavenly Father, even if we have to walk a hard road of picking bad fruit as consequences of the past.

Thank you for the example of Jesus Christ, who willingly gave up His life on the cross in order for us to see that forgiveness is possible, and that atonement can be made, that the relationship with You and with each other can be restored.

Heavenly Father, there is from time to time a measure of force in our relationship. I ask You to reveal to myself and to him the things that are causing this, so that we can grow out of these sinful habits. Grow us into an understanding of You as our tender Father who never applies any force, for any purpose - so that we as a couple can be made perfect in love (1 John 4:18).

Help us to find comfort in Jesus Christ, our true Comforter, in order to lift the expectation of seeking comfort in the other (1 Joh.2:1).

I trust that the mighty band of angels surrounding him are ever wafting back the fierce enticements of our fallen nature. I pray that we both experience peace, joy, agape and rest in our matrimonial vows – that sacred circle where we can shut out the noise and consternation of the world around us.

Open our eyes to one another, that we would remember our early vows, and the joyful hope we had of building a life together and sharing in the challenges – all the while growing in love and respect for each other. Revive

that spirit of energy and hopefulness, praying that the maturing of our love looks to bless others. May the witness of our marriage speak to the miracle and transforming power of Your grace and goodness towards us.

I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

Whoever finds a wife finds good and gets favor from Jehovah. - Proverbs 18:22.

A man who has friends may be broken up, but there is a Lover who sticks closer than a brother. - Proverbs 18:24.

14. Law of God: You shall not steal

You shall not steal. - Exodus 20:15.

Jehovah shall command the blessing on you in your storehouses, and all that you set your hand to. ... Jehovah shall establish you a holy people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commandments of Jehovah your God and walk in His ways. - Deuteronomy 28:8-9.

Dear heavenly Father

Thank you for the physical blessings that You bestow on us as a family in this life. I ask that You help <my husband> to be a faithful steward of everything You have given him. Protect his money and give him guidance on how to spend it. Guide him on Your principles of tithing, so that You may open up the window of blessings from heaven (Mal.3:10). Help him to see the importance of spiritual blessings in relation to physical blessings.

Help me to be grateful for the things he provides, and to communicate that in an appropriate manner. Help me to spend money wisely when I manage our household. Please protect what belongs to us with Your angels.

Teach him how to refrain from stealing, how to deal with money matters in an honest way, and how to be responsible in managing finances belonging both to himself and belonging to others, where he has been put in charge of it. Keep him from the snares of the devil, and from the love of money, which is the root of all evil (1 Tim.6:10).

Help him to find the balance between keeping money for family needs and plans on the one hand, and on the other hand money to be placed in the hands of those in need of our help. Give him wisdom on how to help others who are in real need, and provide him time and opportunity to also give spiritual input along with financial help.

If we as a couple ever have to step through a Job situation, where all earthly belongings are stripped from us like leaves from a winter tree, be beside us and help us to keep our eyes on Your good character of blessings.

Thank you for all the blessings which You daily bestow on us, in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

The young lions lack, and suffer hunger; but those who seek Jehovah shall not lack any good thing. - Psalms 34:10.

Those who trust in their wealth, and their many riches, boast themselves. A man cannot at all redeem a brother, nor give to God a ransom for him, for the redemption of their soul is precious ... For he sees wise men die; ...and leave their wealth to others. - Psalms 49:6-10.

The elder and honorable, he is the head; and the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. - Isaiah 9:15.

And Jehovah shall make you the head, and not the tail. And you shall be always above, and you shall not be beneath, if you listen to the commandments of Jehovah your God, which I command you today, to observe and to do them. - Deuteronomy 28:13.

15. Law of God: You shall not lie

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. - Exodus 20:16.

When I discovered the diverse manners in which lies can come from our tongues, I was, to say the least, shocked. The concept of “jesting” never came to me as a type of lie, yet we often jokingly say things that we do not mean, which simply is not true. The Lord wants us to clear our thoughts and words from saying things that are not true, in order to bless us with truth on our lips.

The beliefs that we hold dear is often riddled with lies, because the enemy brings in concepts which divert us from knowing the truth. The first sin stemmed from a simply lie: “You shall not surely die.” (Gen.3:4). Let us pray that our husbands hold dear the truth as he learns it from the Word of God, so he can lead his family into all truths, by the Spirit of Christ (John 16:13).

Dear heavenly Father,

You created us with voices to be the expressions of our minds. Help <my husband> (and myself as well) to express the mind after a divine sifting process, by guarding the mouth (Ps.141:3).

Prevent him from sowing seeds of doubt and unbelief by the words that he speaks. Keep him from ridicule, from misrepresentation, from criticizing and judging others. Grow his character to speak words of life and support and encouragement. Keep him from jesting and joking in any manner. Teach him to steer away from describing things with over-exaggeration, which becomes untrue words. May no guile be found in his mouth (Rev.14:5). Help me to support him (and not work against) his growth to speak only true things.

Give him communication skills to speak truth appropriately with mercy, as it gets written on the table of his heart (Prov.3:3) so that he may find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and men (Prov.3:4).

I ask that You open his mind to the impact of the original lie from Eden, which indicates that we carry life in ourselves (Gen.3:4; Gen.2:17). Thank you that the light of Your Word shines clearly on the lies about the false promises

of sin, which ends in certain death (Rom.6:23; Prov.14:12). Thank you that he can be completely dependent on You, so he can understand the blessing of receiving life on a daily basis from You.

I ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, who is our Way, our Truth and our Life (Joh.14:6). Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

Lead me in Your truth, and teach me; for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day long. - Psalms 25:5.

All the paths of Jehovah are mercy and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. - Psalms 25:10.

Oh send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill, and to Your tabernacles. - Psalms 43:3.

Teach me Your way, O Jehovah; I will walk in Your truth; my heart rejoices to fear Your name. - Psalms 86:11.

Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me. - John 14:6.

16. Law of God: You shall not covet

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is your neighbor's. - Exodus 20:17.

The Lord promises in His Word that He will bless us, which makes Him the source of everything that we own. The belief that we receive everything from God makes coveting that which belongs to someone else, totally unnecessary. Let us trust God that the desires of our hearts and of our husband's will be in line with the desires of God for us.

When I started to understand that God provides in ALL our needs, I saw the necessity to re-evaluate the concept of *equality* – we do not divide things equally amongst us, but we rather share everything according to the each one’s needs, because we receive everything in abundance from our heavenly Father. Let us trust God to give our husbands clear perceptions on these rather unique concepts.

Dear heavenly Father

Thank you that You provide us with everything that we need. Help my husband to accept Your spiritual blessings, as well as Your physical blessings, and manage it well as a faithful steward. Please forgive us as a couple for not trusting You, for looking to this world, longing to possess what they possess. Thank you for Your full forgiveness.

Help him to trust You for the family provision, that he will find it unnecessary to yearn to possess what belongs to others, which leads to over-work in order to provide what he deems is enough for the family. Help me to live within the means that he provides for us as a family.

Help him to see where others are truly in need and to assist with wisdom. Help him and give him opportunity to minister spiritual blessings along with physical blessings. Provide to him Your Spirit, to easily bless others.

During times of lean provisions in the household, I ask that he will lead us as a family to find more value in spiritual blessings than physical blessings. Help us to look to You for all our needs (spiritual and physical), and not to the world for its provisions. Help him to walk the walk of true humility in receiving blessings and provisions from others with gratitude; as this is another evidence of how You move the hearts of others to be a channel of blessing to us.

Thank you for all that You give us. I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

Delight yourself also in Jehovah, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. - Psalms 37:4.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests [your desires] be made known to God. - Philippians 4:6. [words in brackets added]

Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you. For each one who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened. - Matthew 7:7-8.

17. Learning to be non-judgmental

Judge not, that you may not be judged. For with whatever judgment you judge, you shall be judged; and with whatever measure you measure out, it shall be measured to you again. - Matthew 7:1-2.

For the Father judges no man...- John 5:22.

Jesus answered, ...I judge no one. - John 8:15.

And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil. - John 3:19.

It was one of the greatest revelations to my mind when I realized that the Father in heaven does not judge us; the Son of God does not judge us, which indicates that God's judgement works completely different to our judgement system. (It took me a long time of studying the Word of God to be convinced of this belief.) As long as we serve and worship a God whom we believe will judge the earth and its inhabitants, we will do likewise – by beholding we become likewise. As for myself: Stepping off the platform of judging others, took a big mind shift for a new way of approaching my heavenly Father. Let us trust Him to grant our husbands the spiritual insight to lead the family along the blessed pathway of “no condemnation.”

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
- Romans 8:1.*

Dear heavenly Father

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart that You never judge us (John 5:22); that Your Son Jesus Christ does not judge us (John 8:15) and that Your judgement is completely different to ours (John 3:19). I praise You for bringing these to our minds. I ask forgiveness for my dull mind that battles to understand these concepts. I ask that You open these truths to my husband's mind, in such a way that I can learn from him about these matters. If my husband does not show interest, help me to grow in the meek and submissive Spirit of Christ in order to take up my cross daily (Gal.2:20), to die daily (1 Cor.15:31).

Teach him the paths of righteousness which is laid out in Your law (Ps.119:144). Help him to see that where sin abounds, grace much more abounds. (Rom 5:20). Open to his mind the difference between Your judgement system and the world's judgement system. Help him to understand that the world's judgement system comes from sin and from man, and not from You (Rom.5:16). Help him to understand Your ways to reconcile us with You.

Help him to understand how Your judgment works, in order to follow Your example according to Your Word, to grow away from judging others (Rom.2:1). Help him to discern the wrongs in others and address it the way Christ addresses sins (1 Tim.5:1,2). Thank you that I can trust You to show me in Your non-condemning way where I am still judging my husband. Forgive me for doing this and help me to grow out of those thoughts. Thank you for Your forgiveness.

I ask that he grows away from judging himself unworthy of any blessings that You are willing to bestow on him. Thank you that he has unlimited worth in Your eyes as a beloved son in whom You are well-pleased.

Thank you that we as a couple can worship You as a non-judgmental God and finally grow out of being judgmental towards each other.

I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen

(Source: *The Nearness of God*, by Gavin Devlin; *As You Judge*, by Adrian Ebens)

Great and precious promises given to us

And if any one hears My Words and does not believe, I do not judge him, for I do not come to judge the world, but to save the world. - John 12:47.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes on Him is not condemned... - John 3:17-18.

18. Communication skills

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens ... my ear to listen like one being instructed. - Isaiah 50:4.

Let us trust the Lord to teach our husbands His manner of communications, which might differ from our own ways of communication.

Dear heavenly Father

I ask that You develop within my husband the talent to communicate in a divine manner. Help him to learn about Your ways of communication. You promise us, through Jesus our Messiah, that You will provide him a tongue of the learned, that he will know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary, and help him to hear as the learned (Isaiah 50:4).

May he not use ill-advised expressions which stirs up rebellion. Guard his mouth (Ps.141:3) and let no corrupt communication proceed out of his mouth,

but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers (Eph.4:29). Help him to be of encouragement to all around him.

Fill his heart with the love of God, so that this will be revealed in his conversations. Help him to understand that it is not a difficult matter to communicate that which we carry in our hearts. I pray for my husband, to carry great thoughts, noble aspirations, clear perceptions of truth, unselfish purposes, yearnings for piety and holiness, so that these will bear fruit in words that reveal the character of the heart treasure.

Thank you that You are there to help him follow the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by speaking words of truth in love, so that the hearts of the hearers will be drawn to Him. Above all, I thank you that You provide him with tact, from Your divine love, to communicate the gospel to others around him.

I ask this in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Source: Christ Object Lessons, Chapter 25: Talents – Speech)

Great and precious promises given to us

And Moses said to Jehovah, O my Lord, I am not a man of words now, nor since You have spoken to Your servant, but I am slow of speech and of a slow tongue. And Jehovah said to him, ...And now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say. - Exodus 4:10-12.

And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness, of Your praise all the day long. - Psalms 35:28.

The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of judgment. - Psalms 37:30.

You search my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Jehovah, You know it altogether. - Psalms 139:3,4.

19. Father Figure to his Children

Our husbands know that their children stand in need of a Father like unto God, and that he cannot be that to them. Yet his heart's desire is to be a good father to them (Ps.37:4). So let us come to petition the Lord for the needs that he has as a father. Let us ask forgiveness for the wrong examples that we as parents have set for our children.

Dear heavenly Father

Thank you that You provide us with the perfect example in the way You are a Father to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for the re-assuring words, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased." (Mat..3:17).

As the children grow up and become aware of insecurity and guilt, help him as their father to provide a sense of identity to his children, that they may know that he values them, simply from their relationship with him, and not from anything that they have done to deserve his affection. Help him to give his children a sense of purpose and destiny in life, to provide to them a reason for their existence (Prov.17:6). Thank you that he may copy Your example straight from heaven as he watches and waits on You (Ps.34:11).

If the children overstep the boundaries of justice in our home, help him to re-establish the boundaries and restore what needs to be restored, with Your grace. Help him to walk with the children the road to restoration. Show him how to guide them in the paths of righteousness (Prov.22:6).

In case of estrangement between him and one of the children, I ask for restoration. I ask for divine intervention and for clarity of truths and principles regarding the events. I trust You to turn his heart to this child as well as the heart of this child to him, his/her father, so that the destruction in the situation will be nullified, to reunite him with his child. (Mal. 4:6)

Thank you that You give him ability to speak words to his children that heal, comfort and bless. Thank you for Your insight into the communications that come to him from his children; thank you that he can react from Your divine wisdom, and not with human wisdom. Thank you for filling his words with tact, so that it is a savor of life unto life (2Cor.2:16) unto the children.

I ask these in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

Sons of sons are the crown of old men, and the glory of sons are their fathers. - Proverbs 17:6.

As a father pities his children, Jehovah pities those who fear Him. - Psalms 103:13.

I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. ... and the Word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. - 1 John 2:14.

Therefore be perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect. - Matthew 5:48.

20. Relationships

Our heavenly Father gave us relationship with one another, as one of the most precious sources of blessings. He gives us precious family and friends, even if the times together are sometimes few and far between. Money cannot buy memory-making moments. The devil will do anything to destroy these precious gifts from heaven, and can easily do so through our sinful natures. Let us trust God for protection and steady growth in these fragile gifts of relationships.

Dear heavenly Father

I pray that my husband will pour blessings towards all his family members and his friends, his colleagues and even his foes. May he receive grace in abundance from You and give freely to others. (Matt.10:8).

When people do not treat him kindly, when negative feelings arise in him against other people, Lord, may he remember Your acts of grace and kindness towards us as humans, of waiting for us to return to You, never forcing Yourself upon us (Num.14:41). Help him to see Your broken heart when You allow the

enemy to do its harmful work when we turn away from You (Hos.11:8). Thank you for Your portion of grace that will allow him to give a divine reaction in challenging circumstances, especially pertaining to his relationships with other people.

May his strength be manifested by Your gentle ways, and his weaknesses covered by Your strength, his words fragrant with Your promises and his eyes warm and deep with compassion for all.

Thank you for Your wisdom and courage that You bestow on him, for him to bless others according to Your principles. Thank you that You grant him the ability to stand in leadership positions with Your Spirit of service.

I ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment on the head that ran down on the beard, Aaron's beard, that went down to the mouth of his garments; ... for there Jehovah commanded the blessing, life forevermore. - Psalms 133:1-3.

21. His intimate life

Dear heavenly Father

I commit to You this sensitive and private part of our lives as a married couple, our sexual experience. I ask You to bless and keep our physical relationship. Please guard us from the world's mis-information on this topic. Guide us along the road to where our spiritual unity blesses and feed the physical unity. Help us to honor each other's needs. Help us both to find our great source of comfort in You, and to comfort each other with that heavenly comfort.

I need Your wisdom in my daily dress and behavior towards my husband. Help me to step out of this world's methods of attraction, out of outward

adorning, wearing of gold, new hairstyles, etc, and step into that which is not corruptible, of a meek and quiet spirit, which is of great price in the sight of God (1 Pet.3:3-5). Help me daily to dress modestly and tastefully to reflect Your glory.

Help my husband to sift the music and videos to which he is exposed. Help him to be always guarded by Your Spirit, to claim the mind of Christ (1 Cor.2:16) as he moves among worldlings. Help him to understand that You never condemn him for lustful thoughts (John 5:22), but that Your plan of salvation delivers him from these (John 8:11; Isa.33:22). Help him to see the wall of separation that adulterous thoughts erect between him and You, how it pains You tremendously (Isa.59:2), and how his sin confessed can bring that wall of separation down (1 John 1:9).

Help us as a couple to prepare the spiritual ground for our physical unity. Thank you that we can view it as a platform from where to multiply and bless the earth with offspring of divine character, that glorifies Your holy Name. Thank you that our physical unity can be a comfort and blessing to us both, placing us where we can be a blessing to our children.

Thank you that we (as husband and wife) were made in the image of the heavenly family, the Father and the Son. Thank you for Your divine atmosphere of selfless love, grace and peace, that You bring into our entire relationship, placing us where we can channel these spiritual characteristics through to the next generation.

I ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Source: *Comforter*, by Adrian Ebens.)

Great and precious promises given to us

Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well. Should your overflowing spring be scattered abroad as rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only your own, and not strangers' with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. Like the loving deer and pleasant doe, let her

*breasts satisfy you at all times, and be ravished always with her love.
- Proverbs 5:15-19.*

22. His understanding of the Word of God

God provided us with His Word in written format, so we can know the truth by reading it. It communicates to people from different cultures, different centuries, and different continents.

He [Jesus] said to him [a lawyer], What is written in the Law? How do you read it? - Luke 10:26.

The question here asked by Jesus is not WHAT do you read, but rather HOW do you read? Jesus asked what his understanding of the Word of God was. All Scripture is inspired by God (2 Tim.3:15-17), but our understanding of the Word is not dictated by God. Let us trust God that our husbands will understand the Word of God in clarity to communicate these truths to the family.

Dear heavenly Father

My prayer is that <my husband> will purchase the truth, wisdom, instruction and understanding as depicted in Your Word, and not sell it again (Prov.23:23). Help him to identify confusion which often leads to believing lies from Your Word. Help him to rightly divide the word of truth (2 Tim.2:15). As he reads the Word and learns from it about You, please help him to grow in a relationship with You which is built on these truths (John 17:3). Purify the intents of his heart as he studies the Scriptures.

I pray that <my husband> and I will be in one accord as we study the Word of God. Help me to be open and submissive to his leadership in this regard, not to interfere with his understanding of the Word of God, but to respect his viewpoints and convictions. Forgive me where I have failed him in the past. Thank you for Your forgiveness.

Thank you that You build up his faith as he reads and studies the Word, to ensure the salvation of his soul (1 Pet.1:9). Thank you that Your Word, which is Your truth, sanctifies his soul (John 17:17). I trust You to increase the measure of value that he finds in the study of the Word (Matt.4:4).

I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

Remember them that had the rule over you, which spake unto you the word of God; and considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith. - Hebrews 13:7 (RV).

But He said, ... blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. - Luke 11:28.

... the Word of God is not chained. - 2 Timothy 2:9.

... I have written to you... because ... the Word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. - 1 John 2:14.

23. His prayer life

Dear heavenly Father

May Your Name always and forever be exalted, also during the times that my husband comes apart to spend time in contemplation of You and Your Word. May he structure his life in such a way that he will always find time to spend in Your presence (Ps.86:3). May he bring his supplications to You in full confidence that You will hear him (Hebr.11:6).

Give him a longing to be with You where You are, in heaven (Deut.26:15, 1 Kings 8:27). May You hear his prayer and answer from above (1 Kings 8:28). Thank you for Your forgiveness that is poured into every contrite heart (Ps.34:18; 1 Kings 8:30).

As <my husband> brings different requests before Your throne in prayer, hear his prayers (1 Kings 8:31-40). Thank you that You answer prayer according to Your forgiveness, and that You walk a path of restoration according to my husband's ways, because You are the only one that knows his heart (1 Kings 8:39). My ultimate prayer is that we as a family will serve You all the days of our lives (1 Kings 8:40).

My You feed his soul with the Bread of Life (John 6:35) as he prays about Your truths.

Thank you for the healing power in Your forgiveness (Luke 7:47,48).

As he sees that You do not judge him (John 3:17;5:22), my prayer is that he will bring all his temptations into Your presence and find freedom from sins (John 8:11).

Father, only You know the burdens upon his heart and the perplexities that fill his mind; I ask that in all these matters that he would earnestly give these burdens and concerns over to You each and every day, ever trusting in You to open the way and resolve the obstacles.

I praise You, Father! Yours is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty, for all in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. (1 Chron. 29:11). Thank you for the privilege that my husband and I may unite in praise to Your Name.

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Source: Matt. 6:9-13)

Great and precious promises given to us

... They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in drawing near to God. - Isaiah 58:2.

And I say to you, Ask and it shall be given you. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives. And he who seeks finds. And to him who knocks it shall be opened. - Luke 11:9-10.

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and with no reproach, and it shall be given to him. But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing...- James 1:5-6.

Though you have not seen him [Jesus Christ], you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, – 1 Peter 1:8 (NIV)

24. His priestly and kingly role in the family

Our husbands stand in the high place of leadership in our homes. We have Christ as our High Priest to lead him in his responsibilities. Let us support him and pray for him in a submissive manner, from a heart of love and trust in our heavenly Father.

Dear heavenly Father

I come to pray for my husband as he stands in the high place of our home as leader of both spiritual and physical matters. Help him to choose the better paths for us as a family (Prov.8:2) Help me to hear his voice and to channel that into the home (Prov.8:3-5).

Give him wisdom from heaven, to train up the children in Your wisdom. Help him to speak of excellent and right things (Prov.8:6). Help him to speak the truth in love in our home and to present wickedness as an abomination in our home (Prov.8:7). Help him to communicate in plain words to me and the children (Prov.8:9). Help us as a family to receive Your instruction and knowledge through him (Prov. 8:10). Help him to point out the evil that sometimes happens in our home, to point out the pride, the arrogance, the evil ways as something to hate (Prov.8:13). Provide him with Your council, Your wisdom, Your understanding and Your strength (Prov.8:14).

I ask that he will reign as a king in our home, and that the sons in the house follow his decrees in a just manner (Prov.8:15). May our sons learn from their father and grow up to be true noblemen in character with an ability to rule and

judge with righteousness within their sphere (Prov.8:16). Thank you that we can trust You to bring love into our home and if we seek You, we shall find You. (Prov.8:17). Thank you that you promise durable riches and righteousness, and judgement, which includes the spiritual inheritance that we need to find righteousness in Christ. (Prov.8:17-20).

Thank you that You also promise to look after our physical needs. (Prov.8:21).

I praise the Name of our God and of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Prince and High Priest. Amen.

(Source: Prov.8:1-21)

Great and precious promises given to us

And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the sons of Israel. - Exodus 19:6.

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might speak of the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; - 1 Peter 2:9.

Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and Your saints shout for joy. - Psalms 132:9.

25. His guidance in times of crises

We live in the end times, and the crises hours are increasing. Unique problems come to many families. The strength of the household leadership is constantly tested. Let us be a help mate to our husbands with submissive prayer on his behalf, with trust in God's hand for his leadership, supporting his decisions and his solutions to challenges.

So often in the past I found that my husband and I will discuss a matter to make some decision, where I saw the situation in a different view. I gave my advice during the discussion, which influenced his decision. I only realized my mistakes and sinful attitudes afterwards if the situation works out different to planned, especially when it “exploded in our faces.” In these situations, I noticed a parallel between Eve putting the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil into Adam’s hands, and my sinful advice, especially when I felt the levels of impatience increase within myself. It is only by the grace of God that these incidents can become something of the past.

Dear heavenly Father

Only You know the burdens upon his heart and the perplexities that fill his mind; I ask that in all these matters that he would earnestly give these burdens and concerns over to You each and every day, ever trusting in You to open the way and resolve the obstacles.

I ask that You insert a measure of trust and faith in You in the heart and mind of my husband, in order to stand in a strong and stable faith during times of crises and disasters, also in the belief that You are not the cause of disasters. Help him to discern the core problem and to implement Your solutions, that provides relief and also brings character building.

I ask You to forgive me for fearful reactions during times of crises. Help me to step off the platform of frightful and forceful reactions if fear strikes in my heart during disasters. Help my husband and I to “sleep in the storm” as Jesus did during His earthly ministry.

Help me to stand as his helpmate during crisis times; bring unity and understanding between us, so that we work together and not against each other. Help me to trust my husband, to understand his actions and support his solutions. Please forgive me where I have been putting the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil in his hands. Thank you for your full forgiveness.

Thank you that we may cry unto You, LORD in our trouble, that You deliver us out of our distresses. (Ps.107:6,13,19,28). May my husband possess the character that allows him to cry to You during times of trouble. Thank you for Your provisions during dark times, that we may rejoice in it (Ps.107:42). Thank

you that You provide wisdom for my husband as he observes these things, and that You give him understanding about Your mercies and lovingkindness (Ps.107:43).

I ask these in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Source: Ps.107)

Great and precious promises given to us

And I will bring the blind by a way they knew not; I will lead them in paths they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. I will do these things to them, and not forsake them. - Isaiah 42:16.

Teach me Your way, O Jehovah; I will walk in Your truth; my heart rejoices to fear Your name. - Psalms 86:11.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills. Where shall my help come from? My help comes from Jehovah, who made Heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. Jehovah is your keeper; Jehovah is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. Jehovah shall keep you from all evil; He shall keep your soul. Jehovah shall keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore. – Psalms 121.

26. The day when he will rest in the Lord

“For we must all die, and we are as water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. And God does not take a life, but has devised plans so that the outcast is not cast out from Him.”

- 2 Samuel 14:14..

Dear heavenly Father

Thank you that You do not take life, but that you promise everlasting life to those that put their faith in You. (Joh.3:16).

Guide my husband in all his ways. Keep his feet on the straight and narrow path, already trodden down by the footsteps of Jesus. May he ever be ready to bless all in our home under his headship, earnestly read and proclaim the wondrous beauty of the things in Your law. Even when it comes to his last days on earth, fill his lips with praises of You, and may I always be by his side as his earthly companion bound in the sacred bonds of marriage, growing together in Your agape love, doing whatever we can to hasten Your soon coming.

Thank you that we as a couple can trust You even when it becomes time for one of us to be laid to rest. May his last days be filled with peace and love and full trust in Your mercy. May full restoration be brought to him before he is laid to rest in You. May he be filled with a vision of Your soon coming (Rev.22:12, 13), and with peace of assurance that he “may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” (Rev.22:14).

May my husband know and trust whom he has believed, and be persuaded that You are able to keep that which he has committed unto You (his very soul) until that day of Your return. (2 Tim.1:12)

I thank you in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great and precious promises given to us

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to each according as his work is.” - Revelation 22:12.

“Behold, I am with you all the days until the end...” (Matt.28:20).

Prayers for our Husbands

God has graciously brought us back to the knowledge of the Father and the Son, after whose image we were made. This relationship between the Father and the Son shows us what is agape love, the heavenly love, which is always completely emptied of all self-seeking. This stands in stark contrast to eros love, which is always self-seeking.

Stepping into the worship of the heavenly Father and His Son brings many changes to the way we perceive life and our life principles. It changes our thoughts, our actions and our relationships, also our prayer life.

Let us trust our heavenly Father to mold us as a couple into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.