

# The Power of Prayer

If you believe in God, you know that he desires to have a relationship with you, to provide you with the strength to make it through the challenges that you face, yes even this one in your marriage.

One way to foster that relationship is to spend time in prayer. There is no right or wrong way to pray. Prayer is a conversation between you and God. It is an opportunity for you to share what is on your heart-the good, the bad and the ugly.

Why?

God can take it. There is nothing, absolutely nothing that you can say to God that will cause him to stop loving you. It is one of the most amazing mysteries, God loves us in spite of all the mistakes that we have made.

When you pray, pray with authority, declare the promises of God over your marriage. If you believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior you have the power of the Holy Spirit in YOU. You can speak boldly, believing that your Father in Heaven wants to bless you as parents on earth want to bless their children.

To help you get started, below are are verses on topics related to marriage.

*We can be tired, weary and emotionally distraught, but after spending time alone with God, we find that He injects into our bodies energy, power and strength.*

*~Charles Stanley*

## **On Marriage**

### **Matthew 19: 4-6**

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh' ? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

### **Ephesians 5:22-33**

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your 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, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

### **Galatians 6:7**

A man reaps what he sows.

### **1 Peter 3:7**

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you

are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

### *On Forgiveness*

#### **1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

#### **Micah 7:18-19**

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

#### **Mark 11:25**

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. "

#### **Matthew 26:28**

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

### **On Money and prosperity**

#### **Deuteronomy 8:18**

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

**Malachi 3:10**

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

**Hebrews 13:5**

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

**Romans 13:8**

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

**Proverbs 3:9**

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

**On Perseverance****Romans 12:12**

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

**James 1:12**

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

**Psalm 18:1**

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**Jeremiah 29 11-14**

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

**Hebrews 12:1**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with **perseverance** the race marked out for us

**James 1:4**

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**On Love****1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

**Ephesians 4:2**

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

**1 John 4:18-19**

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us.

**John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Ephesians 4:2**

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**1 Corinthians 3:13**

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love

1. Today what are you praying over your marriage?

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2. What are you believing that God will answer?

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3. What have you struggled to take to God?

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4. What has held you back from taking all of your relationship challenges to God?

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Today we pray this over you and your marriage...

Jesus, we pray for the couple reading this right now. We declare freedom from the bondage that has kept them from having the extraordinary marriage that they desire. Those things that have kept them looking backward no longer need to be a factor in their marriage, you provide freedom from ALL that has held them back. We declare healing and restoration in the areas that have been broken. No longer do they need to live in pain but rather in the promises of your word. Father God, we declare unity for this couple, not in just one or two areas of their marriage but in ALL areas of their marriage. Let them see that when two truly become ONE there is nothing that they cannot accomplish. Give them the ability to love each other in the way that they need to be love, choosing to be servant lovers to one another. We pray for open hearts and open minds, that walls be broken down so that their marriage can become fresh again. We declare that a spirit of love, a spirit of patience and a spirit of forgiveness fall upon this couple giving them the capacity to love in a new way, to see each other with fresh eyes. Father God, your word tells us that in you ALL things are possible, we are believing for miracles today and every day in this marriage. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. AMEN