



POWERFUL PRAYERS

FOR YOUR HUSBAND

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One of the most loving and helpful things a wife can do for her husband and marriage is to pray. Although the following prayers have been written primarily with a Christian husband in mind, most of them can easily be adapted for an unbelieving spouse.

Peace. Lord, as my husband faces another day of challenges, reveal Your deep love to him. Cast out his fears. May your peace rule in his heart. (1 Jn. 4:18; Col. 3:15)

Strength. Thank You, Lord, for daily bearing my husband's burdens. Remind him that You uphold him—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Refresh him with a sense of Your presence. (Ps. 68:19; Col. 1:17; Jer. 31:25)

Intimacy with God. Lord, remind _____ of Your deep, personal knowledge of him, and assure him that he can pour out his heart to You. May his walk with You be more than an intellectual exercise. Reveal Yourself to him so that he can know and worship You as You are. (Ps. 62:8, 139:1-4; Jer. 9:24; Jn. 14:21)

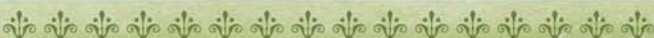
Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, thank You that You live in and reveal truth to my husband. Teach him to live in Your power—filled with, motivated by, and in step with You. May he listen to Your voice and follow wherever You lead. (Jn. 16:13-14; Gal. 5:16, 22-25; Is. 30:21)

Significance. Lord, show _____ how valuable he is to You. May he know that his true worth comes from You. (Mt. 6:26; Jer. 29:11; Zeph. 3:17)

Success. Cultivate in my husband a diligence and desire to do his best for You. Establish the work of his hands, and grant him success. Direct him into roles best suited to his gifts, talents, and personality. (Col. 3:23; Ps. 90:17, 139:13-15)

Finances. Lord, as my husband provides materially for our family, help him to serve You, not money. Enable him to rest in Your provision. (Mt. 6:24; Gen. 22:14; Phil. 4:19)

Perseverance. Strengthen _____ with faith and patience in the difficulties he faces. Assure him that You are with him and are working all things together for good. (Eph. 3:16-17; Col. 1:11; Ro. 8:28, 38-39)



Spiritual protection. Lord, protect my husband from the temptations he faces today, especially concerning _____ (name specific area of temptation). Teach him to guard what enters his mind, to focus on You, and to resist the enemy by faith. (1 Cor. 10:13; Col. 3:1-2; Jas. 4:7; 1 Jn. 5:4-5)

Sexual purity. Lord, Satan would twist _____'s God-given desire for sex into something ugly. Prompt him to turn to You for safety and freedom from lust, pornography, sexual fantasies, and inappropriate relationships. Let him find acceptance and satisfaction in You and within the context of our marriage. (Ps. 90:14; Prov. 5:15-20; Heb. 13:4)

Influence. Thank You, Shepherd, for leading my husband as he interacts with and leads others—at home, at work, and in our church and community. Enable him to set a good example for and love those under his care. (Is. 40:11; Acts 20:28; Titus 2:7-8)

Marriage. Lord, on his own, my husband cannot fulfill Your desire for him to love me as You love the church. But You are love, and You live in him. Teach him how You want to love me through him. (Eph. 5:25; 1 Jn. 4:8; 2 Cor. 4:7)

Vulnerability. Lord, give _____ the courage to share his innermost thoughts and feelings with me. Grant me grace to listen with acceptance and to share honestly with him. (Prov. 31:10-12; Ro. 15:1-3)

Fatherhood. Be my husband's wisdom in the challenges we face as parents. Teach him how to relate to and love our children the way You, our heavenly Father, relate to us. (1 Cor. 1:30; Ps. 103:8-14; Prov. 3:12; Eph. 6:4)

Friends. Lord, bring my husband friends with whom he can share his joys and struggles—friends who speak frankly with him and remind him of Your love and power. Show him how to be a good friend in return. (Prov. 18:24, 27:6; Eccl. 4:9-12)

Loving others. Give my husband courage and opportunities to share Your love with others in words and actions. When people frustrate him, help him to respond in humility and peace. When he sins against others or is sinned against, guide him to ask and grant forgiveness. May those who interact with him touch Your light and life. (2 Thess. 2:16-17; Col. 3:12-14; Phil. 2:14-16)

Physical protection. Keep my husband safe and healthy. Teach him to care for his body, and heal his diseases, especially _____ (name specific ailments). (3 Jn. 1:2; Ps. 103:2-3)

Passion for life. Father, show my husband his true purpose for living, especially in areas that seem mundane. May Paul's claim, "To live is Christ," always be true for my husband. (Jn. 4:13-14, 6:35; Phil. 1:21)

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