A Praying Mother

A 10 Day Poetic Prayer Devotional

Blueprint For Prayer

When we pray, we must pray according to Gods will. Scripture says we parish because of lack of knowledge. In order to know God’s will, we must know the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and his word. The Lord’s prayer is a blue print prayer that gives us a model as to how we should pray. Our prayers should mimic the word, basically we are praying God’s word back to him. In order that our prayers are heard and answered he assures us his word will not return back void!

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# Our Father’s Prayer

Our Father who is in Heaven,

Hallow be his name, The kingdom has come,

His will, will be done on earth as it is in heaven,

Give us today our daily word.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not allow us to be tempted!

Deliver us from the evil one.

The Kingdom, the power and the glory is God’s for ever and ever and ever. Amen

Matthew 6:12

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# Introduction

This devotional has been in my heart to write for some time now. I thank my Grandmother Kathryn Bufford for teaching me The Lord’s Prayer at the age of five. She planted the seed of prayer and at God’s appointed time the harvest came forth. I believe God has placed this devotional in my heart so that I could share with mothers everywhere what I had been through, and how I reigned victoriously! I want every mother in battle to have the victory. If one mother loses, we all lose, we all feel the pain of a child lost. This devotional is from one praying mother to another. This is an account of the thoughts and prayers God put in my heart when I needed them the most. How he loosed the warrior in me at his Kairos moment. God cloaked me in the whole armor of God to save my children. As a mother, prayer is one of the most important coverings that you can give your children. There is nothing like a mother’s love and need to protect her offspring. Feeling helpless when your children are in trouble is the worst feeling a mother can have. I know these feelings all too well. A mother’s first instinct is to go to war for her children as a Mother Lion would for her cub. I know mine was. The maternal instinct to protect our babies is a natural instinct. When my child was confronted with danger, I was ready to risk everything, step back into the streets, claws sharp and ready to attack. This is exactly what the enemy wanted me to do. At that moment God spoke to me, I was no longer that wild animal anymore. That my weapons were not carnal. My fight was not in the flesh and blood it was in the spirit. Scripture says we need to arm ourselves by putting on the whole armor of God. As mother’s our battle ground is in the spirit, it is on our knees face down at the feet of the father in worship and prayer daily, this is how we arm ourselves to reign victoriously. I know this all too well because I am living it. The enemy knows the way to attack us, is through our offspring. As mothers we must take our rightful place as intercessors and prepare for war to cover and save our children!

‘Strength and honor are her clothing; And she shall rejoice in time to come”

Proverbs 31:25

## A Praying Mother’s Poem

A praying Mother who is blessed to have one.

Her prayers are like rubies precious to many but appreciated by none.

Her days are long on her knees, they are spent weeping, praying and crying out for them.

God hears her prayers as he did from the women before her.

Her mother, her grandmother, those that adorned her.

Her children are gifts and grandchildren are crowns.

Her love is endless and rare to be found.

Her Father in Heaven cherishes her, knows her voice and listens for her.

She is victorious that he is not a God that ignores her.

For his word says we are better because of what existed in her.

He started life in her womb with a plan and a son that laid in a tomb.

From her came life and gifts to the world that are beautiful and rare as pearls

The Relationship

For You formed my inward parts; You [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20139&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-16253f)]covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20139&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-16254g)]I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well.

 Psalms 139 13:14

The relationship between a mother and child is special, precious and domicile

From the day her womb gives life in the new, her God breathes fresh ruach through.

The moment she hears the cry, she feels joy. She learns of love whether a girl or a boy.

Her God gives her peace after the pain. She looks forward to the future of many days.

Only thinking of the joy on the way, not knowing one day she must prepare to sleigh.

Totally oblivious that there will be rain, no forecast of lost or any more pain.

Her God is magnificent that he has already established their days,

going before her and child to make a way. God had a plan when he outstretched

 his hand and touched her womb with a child. He looked down on them both with a smile

for these are gifts that he lends to us for a little while.

Before he formed her child in the womb, he sent a savior to make sure they would not be

consumed. Because of the pain there will surely be rain, but he is there amidst all of their days!

The Relationship

Day 1

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth.” Psalms 137: 3-4

Children are the fruit of a mother’s womb. Scripture says children are like arrows in the hand of a warrior. Mothers are the warriors, we shoot our children out into this world every hour literally. We are warriors because of our children. The need to protect our children never dies as it was instilled from the womb while carrying them. As mothers from day one our children look to us to meet their needs, coddle and protect them. Our bodies are literally made to nourish them with milk until they can eat meat. We feed them from are bosom, teach them to walk, eat, potty train, read, we nurture them. It is a mother’s job from the very beginning to protect her child from harm. It is a very sobering moment when a mother realizes the child she once carried in her body, shot out into this world, raised up, she can no longer protect them once they have grown up and are no longer looking to her to meet their needs. The maternal Instinct will always be to protect your child, but we must learn the most effective way will always be to war spiritually.

**Honor:**

**Prayer:**

Train Up a child

Day 2

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

 Proverbs 22:6

Raising a child can be like planting seeds and waiting for the harvest, often we reap what we sow. Scripture says bring the children to God early for the kingdom is their inheritance. This means teach your children about God at an early age and they will grow into their birthright as heirs to the kingdom. I was taught to pray The Lord’s prayer at five, I had no idea what had been planted in me. My teenage years were ruff, but as I grew up the fruit of what had been planted in me began to bring a harvest. Glory to God for the obedience of my grandmother to teach me how to pray and when I was older I did not depart from it. As mothers we have to believe that what we planted in our children will one day sprout a harvest, even when things look different. Trust in God with all your heart acknowledge him in all your ways and do not lean on your own understanding. Prayer and the word of God saved my life, my children’s life and is still working in us until the end.

**Honor:**

**Prayer:**

The Attack

Day 3

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

 **Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

See the enemy comes first to attack the relationship between mother and child to bring enmity and strife into their life. The enemy wants to cause frustration and impatience between mother and child. Mothers must be patient and kind during these trying times, careful not to speak to curse but to speak to nurse, nurture, and give life. Mothers be mindful of your child not to open doors for the enemy to defile. Mothers are to guide and pray so that their children grow up and do not go astray.

**Honor:**

**Prayer:**

The Battle

Day 4

 "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also"  2 Timothy 1:5

Second Timothy one five says the praying mother and grandmother imparted their faith into Timothy. Scripture says when two or three are gathered in God’s name he is there. This tells us that there is power in pairs and in prayer. As mothers it is imperative that we pray and have a relationship with God so that we can pass this same legacy to our children as Timothy received and as I received from my grandmother. The battle begins from the moment the enemy realizes what we carry inside of us. In order to win the battle, we must use the power God has given us to trample over the enemy and his attacks against our families. No one steps on the battlefield without weapons. As mothers we must put on the whole armor of God before the battle to prepare to win the war. Proper preparation prevents poor performance!

**Honor:**

**Prayer:**

The War

Day 5

My own sheep will hear my voice and I know each one, and they will follow me. I give to them the gift of eternal life and they will never be lost and no one has the power to snatch them out of my hands. My Father, who has given them to me as his gift, is the mightiest of all, and no one has the power to snatch them from my Father's care. The Father and I are one".

 (TPT), John 10:27-30

Offense, anger. bitterness, unforgiveness, and hurt open doors for the accuser to come in. Once the doors have been opened the enemy comes in like a flood to cause confusion. Scripture says he comes in like a thief in the night seeking whom he may devour. Children can be easy pray for the enemy especially if they have not been trained up in word of God or come into relationship with him. The enemy is a coward. He will pray on the weaker vessels in order to win. The war in the mind has begun. The enemy wants to plant seeds opposite of any truth God has spoken. He whispers into our children’s ears. Many children have not learned the difference from the enemy’s voice or God’s. Children tend to rely more on their feelings and emotions because they lack the knowledge, experience and brain compacity to decipher the truth.

**Honor**: Father we thank you that you are our present help in the time of trouble, that you are our strong tower, our rock, our fortress. Father we look to you, we call out to you, we hallow your name Yahweh, The Great I am that I Am!

**Prayer**: Father as mother’s we put on the whole armor of God and we wage war upon the enemies head for you have given us the power to trample over the serpent and the scorpions. We loose the blood of Jesus over our children’s minds. We cast out and bind up every thought that is contrary to what you have spoken over our children. We loose what so ever thoughts are lovely and pure into the minds of our children. We come against every thought of depression, suicide, confusion, sexual immorality, offense, addiction and idolatry that tries to creep in, we cast them down and bind them up here on earth in Jesus name Amen. We decree that every witch, warlock, high priestess, demonic entity that would rise up to come against our offspring ways would be made slippery and their words will be scattered and returned onto them. No weapon will be formed against our children or will it prosper in Jesus name. Father we pray that our children would have spiritual eyes and ears. Your word says your children know your voice and a stranger they will not follow or be plucked from your hands. We decree and declare your voice is louder, that he who is greater in us in and our children is greater than he who is in the world.

**Declaration:**

The Mother Wound.

Day 6

“Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.”

 **Proverbs 1:8-9**

A mother wound is a offense, pain or wounding that can serve as a doorway to the higher consciousness. The Mother Wound is a particularly potent access point because it touches our deepest vulnerabilities as human beings and impacts every area of our lives.  A child can carry this in their heart. As a result, they become wounded and unresponsive to a mother’s guidance. Scripture tells us to wear our mothers’ words around our necks as pearls. This speaks to the importance of a mother’s wisdom and prayers for their child. This also says as mother’s we must choose our words wisely, life and death are in the tongue. There comes a time where some children become quick to speak and slow to listen, the opposite of what scripture says. Our words are not always perceived as they are spoken. A mother wants what is best for her child, but she must compete with the carnality of what the world says. Children easily become offended based on how they perceive what has been done or spoken. Children become hurt and wounded easily. The spirit of offense comes upon them, and the enemy has found a open door to torment their heart and mind. Outsiders are used to plant seeds of defiance and the wound starts to spread.

**Honor**: Father, we give you glory in every story, in every victory that will be attained by the prayers that you have put in our hearts. As we pray them back to you to cover our children, we thank you for more grace, more mercy, and more favor as we dwell here on earth. Father, we thank you for long life, and for the gifts of life you have given us. Father, we love you and we continue to hallow your name before all other names in Jesus’ name. Amen!

**Prayer**: Father, we ask that as mothers you would take control of our words so that you can take control of our lives. Father, you said that life and death is in the power of the tongue. That you have given us the same power to create as we are made in your image. Father, we take that power, and we speak life into our children on earth. We ask you to circumcise the hearts of our children. That you create in them a pure heart, a pliable heart, that they could receive the words you have put in the mouth of their mothers and wear them around their necks as pearls, that you would heal every womb, cast down every word of offense, every spoken word curse and bind it up here on earth in the name of Jesus Amen!

The Adoption

Day 8

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me". The verse continues, "Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies"

 (NKJV), Psalm 27:10

The Lord can take care of our children better than we ever could, He is all knowing and all seeing. God knows the beginning from the end. He is not like man that he should lie. God is infallible and he does not make mistakes. On the other hand we as human’s are flawed and we make mistakes. This is where our Father in heaven will adopt our children when they turn their attention away from us and they no longer allow us to parent them or we are no longer in the earth to do so. Hopefully our prayers have gone before us in this case. At this time, we must give them back over to our Father, pray and trust that he will protect, guide and cover them throughout their journey. God’s word will not, I repeat will not return back void. I have tasted and seen this to be true in my life and my children’s life. God formed these children in us with a plan, we must give them back to him so that they can walk in the steps that he has ordered for them. As mothers we must continue to pray for them throughout their life!

**Honor**: Father we give You all the honor and the Glory. We thank you for your mercy, grace and favor In Jesus name. Father we love you and honor you we thank you that it is because of your mercy that we are not consumed Amen.

**Prayer**: Father we cry out to you to not let our children be consumed. We thank you for our Lord and savior, for the work he has done on the cross that has freed us, given us new life and granted us forgiveness. Father your word says that you will be there to pick our children up when they have been forsaken. Father we lift our children back up to you and ask that your hedge of protection be around them that your holy spirit be loosed upon them. We plead the blood of Jesus over their minds, and their bodies. We ask that you assign your angels to go before them with them and after them. We pray that their enemies would be scattered and bind up the plans of the enemy to distract or deter them from the steps that you have ordered for them. Father we pray for their souls and salvation, we pray that our children would know Jesus as their Lord and savior, and you as their Father In Jesus name Amen.

The Prodigal Child

Day 9

“But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

 Luke 15:32

Today we have so many prodigal children lost to the streets living beneath their inheritance because they have been tricked by the enemy to believe the lies. As mothers we must continue to travail in prayer for the future of our children, our grandchildren and their children. We must live by the spirit stay abiding in Christ Jesus and steadfast in Prayer. We must pray without ceasing turn from our carnal ways and allow God to heal our children and bring back the prodigal child.

**Honor:**

**Prayer:**

**Declaration:**

Grief

“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all”.

 Psalms 34: 18-19

Grief is like a thief that has come in the night, it comes suddenly to rob us of joy and keep us

blinded in plain sight, constantly in pain and in shame. Its trick is to make us think we are in

darkness in the rain, in condemnation and looking for blame, but even during the pain God calls

us to come into the light for he is present even in the night. He is the way the truth and the light.

There is no condemnation because of Jesus Christ so come out of the dark and back to the light

To be absent from the body is to present with the Lord, so we can take Solemness in knowing

our loved ones are in the arms of God safe resting and warm. God is near to the broken

hearted, even when a life has departed it is an opportunity to grow closer to the Father. Not to

feel alone or let our hearts turn to stone. We are only here for a little while, to live is to die. In

the event death comes before its time look to God to help you process the grief in your mind.

Just know even in sorrow God still sits high and looks low. He will never leave you nor forsake

you, he wants all the Glory because it is he who has made you. For he has not given you a spirit

of fear but to be strong and courageous because he is always near.

"For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will take delight in

you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with

joyful songs.” (NLT) Zephaniah 3:17

The Victory

Day 10

“Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!”

 **Deuteronomy 5:29**

‍We have the victory in knowing our children, their children and children’s children will live and inherit the blessing when we have lived a repented life and accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We have sacrificed our life for theirs. We have been bought and paid for with a price when we except Jesus Christ. We have been justified and forgiven by the blood of Jesus. We no longer have to live consumed by our sins. As we allow the perfect works of the Holy Spirit to make us new and live a repentant life the accuser is silenced in the courts of heaven. Every open door can be closed, every generational curse can be broken, every stronghold can be loosed and every spoken word curse can be bound. If we as Mother’s take our places as intercessors for our children gathered in two or three in agreement on earth about anything we ask, it shall be done for us by my Father who is in heaven. The prayers of the righteous availed much, we have now been made righteous through Jesus Christ and have become victorious.

**Honor:**

**Prayer:** Father we decree and declare that you are greater in our us than he who is in the world. We decree and declare you are the way the truth and light. We decree and declare that our children will live and not die by the power in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

# Declarations From This Text

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