

Weekly Prayer Strategy

25 June – 2 July 2017

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Healing The Mother Wound.

Prayer Point 1

Gen 2:24

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

- If you are married, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you thoughts, attitudes and behaviours in your life and marriage that reflect that you have not truly and completely "left" your parents.
- Repent of those thoughts, attitudes and behaviours. (Also ask for forgiveness from your spouse for the negative impact these thoughts, attitudes and behaviours have had on your marriage).
- Pray that the Lord will bring healing to the situation and that He may guide you in the journey to cleaving healthily and completely to your spouse.

Prayer Point 2

- If you are single and intend to get married, pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal to you and your spouse-to-be the importance of completely "leaving" your parents so that you can healthily cleave to your spouse.
- Pray that you and your spouse-to-be will be on the same page concerning this matter.

Prayer Point 3

Mark 7:10 "For Moses said, Honour (revere with tenderness of feeling and deference) your father and your mother, and, He who curses or reviles or speaks evil of or abuses or treats improperly his father or mother, let him surely die."

Ex. 21:15 "Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death."

Prov. 20:20 "Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in complete darkness."

- Repent for where you have dishonoured, disrespected or despised your mother (or the woman who raised you in a mother-figure capacity). Where your attitude may have been due to a complex situation or something beyond your control, seek counsel from your cell leader or pastor to enable you to forgive and release your mother. (Whilst the message this week was specific to the mother wound, please apply the above prayer point to your father situation if applicable).

Prayer Point 4

- If you are married, pray that the Holy Spirit may eradicate any unhealthy expectations that exist in your marriage, e.g:
 - Husband looking for needs to be met by his wife that only his mother can give.
 - Wife has in ignorance of her biblical role as a wife “mothered” her husband and treated him as a child.
- If you are single and intend to get married, pray that the above mentioned unhealthy expectations may not characterise your marriage.

Prayer Point 5

Titus 2:4-5

Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Ps. 121:5 “The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand the side not carrying a shield.”

Proverbs 31:15, 21, 27

She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.

When it snows, she has no fear for her household, for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

- If you are a mother, pray that the Lord will reveal and reinforce in you the importance of your role as a homemaker. Ask for creative ways from the Holy Spirit to make this role easy and manageable. Husbands, pray that the “homemaker grace” may abound in your wife.
- Those who are not yet mothers and intend to be mothers, pray for a revelation of the importance of your future role as a homemaker. As for the single brothers, pray that the “homemaker grace” may abound in your future wife.

Prayer Point 6

Prov 1:8

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

Prov 31:1

The words of King Lemuel, the oracle which his mother taught him: What, O my son? And what, O son of my womb? And what, O son of my vows?

- Mothers: Pray that the Lord may place in you a strong desire to assume your role as a teacher and that you may do it excellently.
Husbands: Pray for your wife to effectively function in her teaching and nurturing role. (Encourage her as she walks this journey commending her every step of the way).
- Mothers-to-be: Pray that the Lord may place in you a strong desire to assume your role as a teacher once you become a mother, and that you may do it excellently.
- Husbands-to-be: Pray for your future wife to effectively function in her teaching and nurturing role. (And for the grace to encourage her as she walks this journey commending her every step of the way).

Prayer Point 7

Is. 49:15-16 “And the Lord answered: Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, they may forget, yet I will not forget you.

Ex 2:8

And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother.

- Mothers: Pray that you may be an accessible and approachable mother, listening to and caring for your children’s needs.
- Husbands: Pray that the Lord may give your wife wisdom on how to become more accessible and approachable to your kids especially given the other multiple roles she plays in the family. (Encourage her and suggest ways in which she can become better at this...remember to be sensitive).
- Mothers-to-be: Pray that in the future, you may be an accessible and approachable mother, listening to and caring for your children’s needs.
- Husbands-to-be: Pray that the Lord may give your future wife wisdom on how to become more accessible and approachable to your kids especially given the other multiple roles that she will play in the family. (And that with sensitivity, you would encourage her and suggest ways in which she can become better at this).

Prayer Point 8

Jer 50:12

Your mother will be greatly ashamed, she who gave you birth will be disgraced. She will be the least of the nations - a wilderness, a dry land, a desert.

- Pray that all the mothers (and mothers-to-be) in our church will have a revelation of what it means to walk in identificational and sacrificial love.
- Pray for God’s grace over all the mothers (and mothers-to-be) in our church especially where this may be challenging (e.g. where they have special needs or problem kids).

Prayer Point 9

Ps 22:9 “...You made me hope and trust when I was on my mother’s breast.”

Is 66:13 As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”

- Mothers: Pray that you will have a revelation of your biblical role as a nurturer and comforter. Pray for a God-given ability and inspiration to walk effectively in this role.
- Husbands: Pray that your wife will have the ability to help your children to learn to receive love and be comfortable with being nurtured.
- Mothers-to-be: Pray that you will have a revelation of your biblical role as a nurturer and comforter when you become a mom. Pray for a God-given ability and inspiration to walk effectively in this role.
- Husbands-to-be: Pray that your future wife will have the ability to help your children to learn to receive love and be comfortable with being nurtured.

Prayer Point 10

- Ask the Holy Spirit to explore your heart and reveal any wounding stemming from an unhealthy relationship with your mother. Thereafter ask the Holy Spirit to begin a work of healing and restoration in you. (Seek counsel from your cell leader or pastor where necessary).
- Apply the above prayer point to your own situation as a mother:
Ask the Holy Spirit to explore your heart and reveal any wounding you have caused in your children. Repent accordingly, and ask the Holy Spirit to begin a work of healing and restoration in your children. (Do seek counsel from your cell leader or pastor where necessary).

Prayer Point 11

- Ask the Holy Spirit to explore your heart and reveal any rejection resident in your heart that was caused by your mother. Thereafter ask the Holy Spirit to begin a work of healing and restoration in you. (Seek counsel from your cell leader or pastor where necessary).
- Apply the above prayer point to your own situation as a mother:

Ask the Holy Spirit to explore your heart and reveal any attitudes and behaviours that have instilled a sense of rejection in your children. Repent accordingly, and ask the Holy Spirit to begin a work of healing and restoration in your children. (Do seek counsel from your cell leader or pastor where necessary).

Prayer Point 12

Ps. 139: 13, 15-16

For You did form my inward parts; You did knit me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from You when I was being formed in secret and intricately and curiously wrought as if embroidered with various colours in the depths of the earth a region of darkness and mystery. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days of my life were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.

Ps 71:6

Upon You have I leaned and relied from birth; You are He Who took me from my mother's womb and You have been my benefactor from that day. My praise is continually for You."

- Pray that we may be a Church that has a revelation and desires to walk in fullness of healing where we carry mother wounds.
- Pray that the Lord may uproot out of our midst any pride and stubbornness in our lives that prevent us from seeking help and healing.
- Pray that we may be a Church supple to the conviction of the Holy Spirit, seeking repentance and restitution where we have wounded others as mothers or in other capacities.