

Weekly Prayer Strategy

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**This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled:
Family – God's Primary Shield Part 1**

Prayer Point 1

Romans 8:32

Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

Psalm 37:25

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

- Repent for seasons in your life where you have not acknowledged God as the source of your provision.
- Repent for where you have not been a good steward of your body.

Phil 4:12-13

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

- Pray that God will give you wisdom on how to maintain a healthy body and lifestyle.
- Commit to discarding anything, habit or lifestyle that will prevent you from achieving the above goal. (Make yourself accountable to someone who will ask you the difficult questions in as far as this endeavour is concerned).
- Pray for the protection of your health and that of your family.

Prayer Point 2

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

- Repent for times where you have not walked in humility and allowed pride and arrogance to reign in your life.
- Repent for every behaviour or attitude of yours as a parent/guardian/spouse that has not facilitated a home conducive to love, warmth and acceptance.
- Make a list of the things you are going to do to ensure that your home becomes an emotional safe haven for your spouse and children. Pray for wisdom on how to practically implement this list in your family. (Hold each other accountable as a couple).

Prayer Point 3

Lamentations 3:22–23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning; Great is your faithfulness.

- Repent of and release any grudges or bitterness held against any family member or anyone.
- Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any scars or wounds in your heart stemming from a dysfunctional upbringing that have negatively impacted on your parenting or relationship with your spouse.
- Commit to the Lord that you will consistently verbalise your love and acceptance of your children and spouse to them (including performing acts that support your words).

Prayer Point 4

Matthew 10:29-31

What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

The LORD gave me this message: “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the uniqueness of each of your children. Thank God for and celebrate every positive and healthy unique attribute that characterises each child. Ask God for wisdom on how to deal with the negative behavioural patterns in each of your children.
- Identify areas in your relationship with your spouse and children where boundaries have not been exercised and should be. Ask God for wisdom on how to effect these boundaries without the fear of being misunderstood.

Romans 12:3-5

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think of yourself with sober judgment, according to the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and not all members have the same function, so in Christ we who are many are one body, and each member belongs to one another.

- Repent for where you have unwisely and insensitively compared your kids and caused harm in the process. (Remember: you don’t have to compare in order to commend).