

Day 11 - Praying for Marriages and Family Values

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Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 3:33

God intended for the family to be the backbone of our society and the backbone of our civilization. Aside from the church, the family is the most important and fundamental unit known to man. From the family comes our core values and beliefs. The family is where we are first taught how to treat each other and our Creator. The family gives us strength and stability, love and a sense of belonging. Is it any wonder that the family is constantly under attack by the forces of evil. Satan knows that as he destroys the family unit, the community, the city, the state and the nation are next....it is just a matter of time.

As with every area of life, marriages come under the constant notice and attack of the enemy. We are no different from the unsaved in that respect. The only difference is that as Christians, we know where to go to get help. The divorce rate in America is staggering however, it has seen a slight decline in recent years as more and more people are opting for live-in situations instead of marriage...not God's idea, I might add.

The statistics are not favorable for children who become the products of divorced parents. The family was intended to give our children the loving guidance and stability that is so often missing in single parent homes. It is not impossible to raise a well-rounded child outside of marriage, this is just not how God planned it.

We need to pray that God will restore the importance of the God-centered family, a family that loves and relies on the Lord. We need to pray that husbands and wives will rekindle their love for God and for each other. We need to pray that husbands will resume their rightful places as spiritual heads of the households. We need to pray that the husbands will become men that women are not afraid to submit to. We need to pray that husbands will be able to lead and care for their families as the Lord intended. We pray that husbands will love their wives as Christ loves the church.

And the wives...what about them you ask? The Bible tells us that wives are to submit to their husbands. I believe that more wives would be willing to submit to men who have submitted to God. Wives need to pray for the strength of their husbands. Women have always been the thermometers in the home. If the mother is happy, the whole house is happy...and vice versa. Mothers have always set the tone in the home and with more homes being manned by mother, we truly need to keep her lifted in prayer.

Let's pray for the strength of the family, that God will keep all families in His tender care. That families will thrive and stick together in these tough times, is our prayer. We ask for God's continued guidance through this pandemic and all of the crisis that have come with it. There are families everywhere who

have felt the torment of the last few decades, as Satan has continued his onslaught against the family, which he started in the garden of Eden.

Since God created the family with a specific plan in mind, it just makes good sense to ask for His direction in keep families together.