



Covering My Wife in Prayer

'But the LORD came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. "Look!" he said. "The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them!"' (Genesis 11:5-6 NLT)

God's words in Genesis 11:6 are very clear; where people are united, nothing will be impossible for them. This is true in marriage. God's desire is that every married child of His has a great and lasting marriage, where each person feels valued and appreciated, together fulfilling God's purpose on the earth. Unfortunately we have an enemy who knows that when we are united, we are unstoppable, so he does his best to divide us.

When you pray for your wife you are going a fair way to build unity in your marriage and counter the enemy's attempts to divide you.

Come alongside and be a co-labourer with God in seeing His purposes fulfilled in your wife's life through prayer. As you go on this journey, our prayer is that your love for each other will grow. A praying husband is a terror to the kingdom of darkness.

Give my wife the wisdom to look after the things You have given her responsibility for. *God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."* **Genesis 1:28 (The Message Bible)**

Teach her to put You first in her everyday life; help her to seek Your Kingdom and Righteousness, and remove worry and anxiety from her heart. *Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.* **Matthew 6:33 (MSG)**

Help her delight herself in You, so that the desires of her heart can be met. Help her to trust You completely and to stick with You always. *Get insurance with God and do a good deed, settle down and stick to your last. Keep company with God, get in on the best.* **Psalms 37:3-4 (MSG); But blessed is the man who trusts me, God, the woman who sticks with God. Jeremiah 17:7 (MSG)**

Help her to understand and support me in ways that show her support for Jesus Christ. Help her to support me as I strive to exercise leadership the way You do for your church. *Wives understand and support your*

husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by cherishing. So just as the church submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands. Ephesians 5:22-24 (MSG)

Thank You for giving her the ability to make wealth; help her to never think she is strong enough to do it by herself, or to abuse her opportunities. *If you start thinking to yourselves, "I did all this. And all by myself. I'm rich. It's all mine!"—well, think again. Remember that God, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors—as it is today. Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (MSG)*

Help her to value our marriage more than she already does, to trust me and to value my strengths, while helping me work on my weaknesses. *Valuables are safe in a wise person's home; fools put it all out for yard sales. Proverbs 21:20 (MSG)*

Help her keep relationships and company that will have a positive impact on her; direct her path to places that You want her to be, that she may always abide in You. *Don't become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; that's war. Is light best friends with dark? Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands? 2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (MSG)*

Teach me, as a husband, to humble myself before You in the service of my wife, knowing that when I do this, You will elevate me to even greater stature in her sight. *Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet. James 4:10 (MSG)*

Help me to love her unconditionally, exactly as Jesus Christ does the church; help me to show her my love by giving her my all. *Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Ephesians 5:25 (MSG)*

Teach me to satisfy her in the marriage bed and not to be selfish by seeking my own satisfaction. *The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to "stand up for your rights." Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out. 1 Corinthians 7:4 (MSG)*

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

1. *Power of a Praying Husband* by Stormie Omartian
2. *40 Prayers to Strengthen Your Marriage (40 Prayers Series)* by D. Duane Engler



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