

FAMILY MATTERS

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Book of Scriptures and Prayers



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Pray for New Strategies

Scripture: Ephesians 6:20, Ephesians 6:11, 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Heavenly Father, we pray that we may declare boldly and courageously to put on God's whole armor, that we may be able to successfully to stand up against the strategies and the deceits of the devil. For even though we live in the world, we do not wage war as this world does. The weapons we fight are not the weapons of the world. So Father we thank you for new war strategies that have divine power to demolish strongholds that we may come against. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Pray that the Lost be Found

Scripture: Romans 14:11, Ephesians 3:18, Romans 10:9-10

Heavenly Father, it is written as surely as You live, every knee will bow before You; every tongue will confess to God, so we pray that people will come to be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height---to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge. So Father we thank you that if they confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in their heart that God has raised Him from the dead, they will be saved. So we thank you in advance for the souls in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Pray that eyes will be opened

Scripture: Psalm 119:148, I Corinthians 2:9-10, I Corinthians 2:16

Heavenly Father, we ask that our eyes stay open through the watches of the night that we may meditate on your promises. So Father you have said that no eyes have seen, no ears has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him, so Father we thank you that this has been revealed by Your Spirit , For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Week Three Prayers

Pray for restoration

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17, Psalm 80:7, Joel 2:25

Gracious Father, you said that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature, old things have passed away. So Father we thank you that You restore us, O Lord God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved, thank you for restoring to us the year that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, and the consuming locust. In Your Sons' most Mighty name, In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pray for an unhindered move of the Holy Spirit

Scripture: Joel 2:28, John 14:26, John 14:12

Heavenly Father, we thank you the Holy Spirit, whom You have sent in Your Sons' name, that He will teach us all things, and bring to our remembrance all things that You have said, we ask that You will pour out Your Spirit in all flesh, that Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, and Your young men shall see visions. For You said that greater works than these he will do, because He has gone to the Father. So we receive all these things in Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

Pray that the Kingdom of God come

Scripture: Psalm 45:6, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 6:10

Heavenly Father, Your throne, O God is forever and ever; the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. You said but first the kingdom of God and Your righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. So Father we thank you that Your kingdom come, Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Greetings Family:

We are approaching our first Family Matters Conference. This conference will minister to all families. (Biological, single parents, extended families, blended families and church families). The conference will focus on the Natural Family and the Spiritual Family. The purpose of the conference is to Renew Faith, Reaffirm Family and Reignite Fellowship.

As we sought the Lord about this assignment, it became apparent to us that the entire body should participate in offering up prayer for this conference. Prayer is the opportunity that God gives His children to become intimately acquainted with Him. As a conversation with God, prayer enables the believer to build a personal relationship with the Lord. Prayer is an expression of a believer's dependence on God and, at the same time, an affirmation of God's promise to the redeemed for spiritual power. There are many areas of this conference that need prayer coverage. We realize that the primary purpose of prayer is to seek God's Will. Jesus told the disciples in His model prayer (Matthew 6:10) to ask according to the will of God. When a believer talks to the Father, each request for help and every desire for guidance should be asked in the name of Jesus. So we come in the name of Jesus requesting your help for prayer coverage for the Family Matters Conference. This is an opportunity for us to give adoration, praise, thanksgiving, confession of sin, and to make request for ourselves and others. Prayer also offers an opportunity for Christian fellowship and guidance for the church. Prayer is not intended as a means of impressing others or manipulating God but as a way of genuinely seeking God's strength and direction.

Kingdom,

Family Matters Conference Committee

Week One Scriptures

Psalms 16:8

I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Psalms 103:17

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children.

Psalms 127:3-5

Lo, children are a heritage of: and the fruit of the womb is His reward as arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with enemies in the gate.

Psalms 128:3

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive plants around your table.

Gen. 33:5

Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked. Jacob answered, "they are the children God has graciously given your servant.

Exodus 20:12

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thy.

Week One Prayers

Pray that Family Matters Conference committee has insight

Scripture: Proverbs 3:13, Proverbs 24:3

Gracious Father, you said that happy is the man who finds skillful and godly wisdom, and the man who gets understanding. So Father I thank you that the mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, and by wisdom, a house is built, and through understanding it is established. We thank you that our prayer has been heard, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Week Three Scriptures

Ephesians 1:3-6

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ in accordance with his pleasure and will-to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Ephesians 6:1-2

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother-which is the first commandment with a promise.

Ephesians 6:4

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Colossians 3:18-21

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husband, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

Hebrews 12:5-7

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, my son, despise not the chasten of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when lie down, and when you rise up.

Pray against any demonic attacks towards Pastor Pierce, First Lady Pierce, and family

Scripture: Psalm 37:23, Psalm 71:3, Psalm 46:1

Heavenly Father, you said the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delights in his ways. You have placed a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side. Father we thank you for being their strong refuge, to which they may resort continually. You have given the commandment to save them, for You are their rock and their fortress, a very present help in trouble. So Father we thank you for hearing our prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

Pray that there would be a Repentant Heart among people

Scripture: Merciful Father, we repent and turn to You with our entire mind and with all our heart in the land of our enemies who took us captive, and pray to You toward our land You gave to our fathers. Bringing forth fruit that is consistent with repentance. So we humbly offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to You for this is our reasonable service. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Pray for clarity of God's Voice

Scripture: John 10:27, John 10:5, Proverbs 4:27

Gracious Father, you said my sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow Me. So Father we thank you that by no means will we follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for we do not know the voice of a stranger, and will not turn to the right or the left. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Pray for a Renewed Spirit in the people

Scripture: Psalm 51:10, 12

Merciful Father, create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pray that Family Matters Conference committee has keen discernment

Scripture: Proverbs 17:24, Proverbs 14:6, Job 34:4

Gracious Father, you said that a discerning man keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth. So thank you Father that knowledge comes easily to the discerning. So Heavenly Father let us discern for ourselves what is right; let us learn together what is good. In Jesus' name we pray Amen

Pray for favor the Family Matters committee members, volunteers, and attendees

Scripture: Psalm 1:3, Jeremiah 29:11, Revelation 3:8

Heavenly Father, you said that he is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, and whatever he does prospers, so Father we thank You that the plans You have for us are plans to prosper us and not harm us, plans to give us a hope and a future. So Father because you know our needs, we thank you for an open door that no one can shut has been opened to us. It is these things we expect in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pray for speakers, musicians, singers, and Education Day

Scripture: John 7:38, Romans 8:26

Heavenly Father, you said that whoever believes in You, as the Scripture has said, streams of living waters will flow from within him. So Father we thank you that in the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. So Father we humbly ask that the Spirit himself intercede for us with groans that words cannot express. Father, it is these things we ask and thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pray that there will be Unity with all individuals that are involved in the Family Matters Conference.

Scripture: Psalm 133:1, I Corinthians 12:12

Father, behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. For just as the body is a unit and yet have many parts, and all the parts, though many form one body, so it is with Christ. It is in Jesus' name that we pray, Amen.

Pray for Godly wisdom over the affairs of the Family Matters Conference

Scripture: Psalm 49:3, Proverbs 2:6, Proverbs 2:2

Heavenly Father, our mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of our hearts shall be understanding, making our ears attentive to skillful and Godly wisdom and inclining and directing our hearts and mind to understanding. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.

Pray for a Debt-Free Family Matters Conference

Scripture: Romans 13:8, Malachi 3:10

Merciful Father, you said keep out debt and owe no man anything, except to love one another, so we thank you that You open the windows of heaven for us and pour us out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. It is these things we receive in Jesus' most holy name, Amen.

Week Two Scriptures

Joshua 24:15

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your father serve that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Proverbs 1:8

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Proverbs 12:7

The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

Romans 8:16-17

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him that we maybe also glorified together.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent His son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba Father". So you are no longer a slave, but God's child, and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Week Two Prayers

Pray that the attendance will flourish

Scripture: John 12:32, Matthew 4:4

Gracious Father, you said if You be lifted up from the earth, you will draw all men unto You. That it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, so Father we thank you that attendance would supersede our expectations. In Your Son's most Mighty name, we pray, Amen.

Pray against demonic strongholds against the Family Matters Conference

Scripture: Matthew 16:19

Heavenly Father, we come humbly seeking You, that Your power may inhabit the walls of Mount Zion Baptist Church. Father we bind every demonic stronghold placed against this conference and loose Your manifested presence. You said whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. So Father we thank you for warring angels being assigned now in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Pray for strength of all volunteers

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9, Psalm 18:2, Philippians 4:13

Heavenly father, you said Your grace is sufficient for us, for your strength is made perfect in weakness. So Father thank you for You are our rock and our deliverer, My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. So Gracious Father we thank you that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. In Jesus' name, Amen.