I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.

EZEKIEL 36:26

Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

MATTHEW 21:22
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How Can This Praying Wife Devotional Help Me?

If I had it to do all over again, I would not write *The Power of a Praying® Wife* any differently than I did. However, in this new *The Power of a Praying® Wife Devotional*, I am sharing what the Lord has taught me about being a praying wife in the years since writing the earlier book.

First of all, I have included much more prayer in this book for you as a wife. In fact, one-third of the book consists of devotions and prayers for you to pray for yourself. A second third includes devotions and prayers for you to pray for your husband, and a last third has devotions and prayers for you to pray for your marriage. But I have not grouped these thirds separately into “me,” “him, and “us” sections. I have, instead, alternated prayers for wife, husband, and marriage throughout the book so that every
three devotions includes one of each—that is, one for you, one for your husband, and one for your marriage. The reason for that is I believe all three types of prayer are crucial to sustaining a solid marriage.

What you might not realize is how extremely important it is to pray for yourself as a wife. Women tend to neglect themselves in this way, and it is vital to your marriage not to do so. When you pray for yourself, you affect your spirit, soul, body, wholeness, insight, understanding, strength, and freedom in Christ more than you think. Personal prayer increases your ability to receive revelation from God. That’s because, as you pray, God gives you the ability to see what is really going on in your own world and in the spirit realm. For example, you become aware of when your flesh may be dominating your spirit, or when the enemy of your soul is attempting to stir up strife and present his lies as truth. These things are crucial to you as a wife in being able to maintain a good, strong marriage—at least, as much as is dependent upon you.

All of this means you must still pray the “Change me, Lord” prayer. (I know that is not as much fun as praying the “Change him, Lord” prayer, but, unfortunately, that one seldom, if ever, is answered.) But now you have to take the “Change me, Lord” prayer to the next level and pray that God will show you everything you need to see about yourself. You must ask God to reveal what you should know and help you do what you need to do. For example, you can pray that God will enable you to keep worry, fear, doubt, and unclear thinking from getting in the way of your life and affecting what you do and say. God wants you to give Him control over your mind and heart. While He gave you the ability to feel, He doesn’t want your feelings or emotions to rule you in a way that makes both you and your husband
miserable. He wants you to bring all your feelings and emotions to Him—your Lord and confidant—and put them in the hands and under the control of the Holy Spirit. The devotions and prayers in this book will help you do that.

Another reason praying for yourself is important is because, as you grow older, you especially need the beauty of a quiet and gentle spirit. In order for that to happen, you must have the beauty of the Lord in you, beautifying every part of your inner-self—which affects the beauty of your outer-self more than anything else. A woman with a beautiful heart, soul, and mind is more attractive to everyone, but most importantly to her husband. Part of being attractive is exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit. In order to do that, you must surrender your heart and soul to the Holy Spirit more and more. Every day you can say, “Lord, fill me afresh with the fruit of Your Spirit. Overflow me with Your love, joy, and peace. Teach me to be patient, kind, and good by growing in me Your longsuffering, kindness, and goodness. Help me to exhibit Your faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23).

This book will also help you truly understand that you belong to Jesus and that “those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:24). This doesn’t mean you are passionless toward your husband. It means that the “I want what I want” in the way of expectations of him doesn’t supersede the importance of “I want what God wants” in your attitude and mind. In order to want what God wants, you must walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:25). When we live controlled by the flesh and not the Holy Spirit, nothing good comes of it. We end up thinking about ourselves and what we want and not what God wants. When we crucify our fleshly desires—and live in the Spirit so that we walk in the Spirit—we don’t “become
conceited, provoking one another, envying one another” (Galatians 5:26). We become more like the Lord instead. And that’s what we all want.

These devotions and prayers will also help your husband to better hear from God, to increase his understanding of God’s truth, to grow in strength and peace, and to gain proper perspective on various situations and challenges he may be facing. I have included many of the common attitudes and struggles found in most marriages. Each prayer for the two of you will help you both be more and more led by the Holy Spirit so that you can do what’s right without allowing such things as negative reactions to each other get in the way.

One of the revelations I have personally received from the Lord in the last few years has been that I have a choice about my attitude and how I am going to react to my husband every day. Of course, I knew that, but knowing and doing are two different things. If I am irritated about something, I have to decide if I am going to act irritated when I talk to him for the next week. Or am I going to talk it out with him and choose to speak words that unite and not words that separate? Am I going to make sure that the first words I speak to him in the morning—or when I haven’t seen him for a while—are pleasant and uplifting? These devotions and prayers help me make the right choice every day, and they will help you too.

If your husband is not yet a believer, I have not given you a separate prayer to pray in each devotion for him. That’s because it is best to pray each day for his salvation. Say, “Lord, I pray You would open my husband’s eyes to Your truth and lead him to salvation in You. Help him to know You, Jesus, and receive You as his Savior and Redeemer.” Then pray the prayers in this book for him just as if he were already a believer, always thanking
God that He is leading your husband closer to salvation every day. The more you pray for your husband this way, the more his heart will become sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Even though he is not yet a believer, God can still speak to him. Your prayers can clear the air of worldly noise around his mind and heart so he can hear God better. Don’t become discouraged and feel as though nothing is happening. If you are praying, then something is definitely happening. No matter how resistant your husband is to his own breakthrough, he is not too tough for God to break through to and save.

You can read this book straight through from beginning to end, or you can let the titles of each devotion lead you to the one that addresses what you are facing, experiencing, or needing right then. I pray you will meet the Lord in these Scriptures, devotions, and prayers in a new and powerful way, and see wonderful changes in you, your husband, and your marriage that only He can make.

Stormie Omartian
When I Desire Greater Persistence in Prayer

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As a wife, you need the kind of prayer habit that doesn't give up or allow discouragement to get in the way, but instead persists and keeps on praying and asking.

When God told Abraham He intended to determine if Sodom was deserving of destruction, Abraham then interceded, praying on behalf of however many righteous people might be there. He asked God if He would destroy Sodom if fifty righteous people were found there, and the Lord said He would not. Abraham then asked if He would destroy the city if forty-five
righteous people were found there, then forty people, then thirty, then twenty. Each time Abraham asked, God said He would not destroy it for that many people. Finally Abraham said, “Suppose ten should be found there?” And God said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of ten” (Genesis 18:32). As it turned out, only four righteous people were there, so God destroyed it. But Abraham had stopped asking at ten.

We need the kind of persistence in prayer that causes us to continue asking as Abraham did. Too often we stop short. Perhaps Abraham stopped asking because he couldn’t imagine that there wouldn’t be at least ten righteous people in Sodom. Or perhaps by then God had proved His point and revealed His intentions. God knew the city was wicked enough to destroy, but He saved the four righteous people—which were Lot, his wife, and their two daughters (Genesis 19:29).

*Your* prayers are powerful to save too. So keep asking and continue seeking, and don’t ask for crumbs when God wants to give you the banquet. When it comes to praying for you and your husband and your marriage, ask God to help you persist in prayer for even what may seem impossible. Ask for your marriage to not only be saved, but to be good. Ask for it to not only be good, but to be great. God doesn’t say “No” to what is His will. If your husband has a strong will that refuses to submit to God’s will, persist in praying that God’s will wins out.

**My Prayer to God**

LORD, I pray You would help me to be persistent in prayer—to ask and keep asking for what I believe is Your will. I know anything less than love, selflessness, kindness, peace, and generosity of soul is not Your will in my relationship with
my husband. Help me to persist in praying for nothing less than the high standard You have for our marriage. Give me a vision of how You want me to pray. Show me the way You want our marriage to be and help me to pray accordingly so that it becomes all that.

I know I cannot force my husband’s will to be anything other than what it is, but You can touch his heart and turn it toward You. I pray You would do that. May he welcome Your Lordship in his life. Help me to pray consistently and passionately, and to persevere no matter what is happening. I thank You in advance for the great things You are going to do in both of us and in our marriage.

In Jesus’ name I pray.
When He Needs to Walk Closer to Jesus

*I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*

*John 15:5*

Have you ever observed your husband becoming so busy or preoccupied that he seems to be drifting away from the things and ways of the Lord? It can easily happen to anyone if they are not careful to stay in God’s Word and in constant communication with the Lord in prayer and worship. If you ever see this happening to your husband, pray for him to recognize that Jesus is the vine he must be plugged into or he will not bear fruit. Pray he will come to a clear understanding that he cannot accomplish anything lasting without Jesus in his life. Pray he recognizes that God wants to be glorified by the fruitfulness
of his life (John 15:8). Pray the same thing for yourself as well. You need to be plugged into Jesus too so that you are living in Him and He is living in you. You cannot bear the fruit you want to see in your life if you don’t have that deep abiding walk with Him every day and night.

If your husband does not yet have a walk with Jesus, continue to pray for that. Ask God to draw him closer to Himself, so that one day the Giver of fruitfulness will enable both of you to bear fruit together beyond what you ever dreamed possible. There isn’t a husband on earth who couldn’t benefit from his wife’s prayers for him to have a closer walk with the Lord. And your happiness together will be greatly affected by it.


Lord, I pray my husband will be drawn into a closer walk with You. No matter how busy he becomes, I pray You will remind him that he cannot go off on his own without acknowledging You as the source of all that is good in his life. Give him the wisdom and discernment to see when he is becoming distracted by other things and neglecting his relationship with You. Give him a desire for more of You and Your Word. Enable him to see clearly that without You he can do nothing worthwhile or lasting. Give him a desire to plug into You in a deeper way, so that his connection with You produces great fruit in his life. Show me how to encourage and support him in that. Only You know what will speak to his heart.

I pray the same for me, that I will abide in You—my true vine—and You in me so that my life will bear much fruit in every way. Enable my husband and me to be fruitful
together. Flow Your life through us in such a way that others see it and recognize You as the source of all that is good in our lives. May they know us by our fruit and praise You for it.

_In Jesus’ name I pray._
When We Must Work Together in Unity

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

After the flood, Noah’s descendents grew greatly in numbers, and they had only one language. They decided to build a city with a tower that would rise up to heaven. The Lord saw what they were doing and said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them” (Genesis 11:6, emphasis added). So God confused their language, scattered them over the earth, and caused them to stop building the city—which was called Babel.

From this story we can see the power of unity and speaking the same language. Because the people of Babel were in unity,
they could accomplish anything they wanted to. But the negative consequences of their unity happened because they were not doing what God wanted them to do, and so He had to stop them. It’s different in a marriage. Having unity is what keeps a marriage together, and that is what God wants. It is His will that you be in unity with your husband, and that you speak the same language, and be on the same page, for then you are fulfilling the purpose for which He joined you together.

Pray that you and your husband will be in unity with regard to your goals, attitudes, intentions, methods, and actions. Jesus said, “If two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven” (Matthew 18:19). Pray you will agree on what you are praying about and wanting. When you do, you will see powerful answers to your prayers. Nothing will stand in your way when the two of you are united in God’s purpose for your lives.

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LORD, I pray You would help my husband and me to always be on the same page and speak the same language. When there are times we are not communicating well—where we seem to be missing each other’s intentions, or we too often misunderstand each other’s words—I pray Your perfect wisdom and knowledge would prevail between us. By the power of Your Spirit, I pray You would enable us to always have a clear understanding of each other and whatever situation we are in. Help us to resist the enemy—the author of confusion, lies, and deceit—and refuse to give place to any of his plans for our relationship as husband and wife. I pray that
only You, Lord, will reign in our marriage, and that only Your Spirit of love and peace will rule between us.

You have said in Your Word that there isn’t anything people cannot do when they are in unity (Genesis 11:6). I pray our unity means there is nothing we cannot do to make our marriage strong, and there is nothing the enemy can do to come between us. Enable us to pray together in unity so that we will see powerful answers to prayer, and that nothing of Your goodness and blessing will be withheld from our lives.

_In Jesus’ name I pray._