

ABOUNDING IN LOVE

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Phil 1:9-11 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

I. Abounding in love to our great God

Matt 22:37-40 37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 'This is the first and great commandment. 39 'And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 'On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.'

II. Abounding in love to one another

1 Pet 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

III. Abounding in love to our husband and children

Titus 2:3-5 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

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- Members of one another – Rom. 12:5
- Be devoted to one another – Rom 12:10
- Honor one another – Rom. 12:10
- Be of the same mind to one another – Rom. 12:16
- Don't judge one another – Rom. 14:13
- Accept one another – Rom. 15:7
- Admonish one another – Rom. 15:14
- Greet one another – Rom. 16:16
- Don't bite and devour one another – Gal. 5:15
- Serve one another – Gal. 5:13
- Don't challenge one another – Gal. 5:26
- Don't envy one another – Gal. 5:26
- Bear one another's burdens – Gal. 6:2
- Shown forbearance to one another – Eph. 4:2
- Be kind to one another – Eph. 4:32
- Forgive one another – Eph. 4:32
- Submit to one another – Eph. 5:21
- Don't lie to one another – Col. 3:9
- Teach one another – Col. 3:16
- Comfort one another – I Thes. 4:18
- Encourage one another – I Thes. 5:11
- Build up one another – I Thes. 5:11
- Stimulate one another to love – Heb. 10:24
- Don't grumble against one another – James 4:11
- Confess your sins to one another – James 5:16
- Pray for one another – James 5:16
- Be hospitable to one another – I Peter 4:9
- Be humble towards one another – I Peter 5:5
- Love one another – I John 4:7

31 Days of Praying for Your Husband

"She does him good...." Prov. 31:12a Bless your husband by praying for him! The Apostle Paul instructed all Christians to pray for one another (Eph. 6:18). This includes wives' responsibility and privilege to pray for their husbands. Earnest prayer for your husband is good for him, for you and the spiritual health of your home (Prov. 31:11-12). Satan desires to destroy your husband, especially his character and his leadership in your relationship. Trust God through prayer as you daily surrender your husband and marriage to the Lord's wise, loving care.

- 1** –will grow spiritually and consider his accountability before the Lord. Pray that he will guard his heart by developing spiritual disciplines – bible reading and study, prayer, meditation, scripture memorization, etc. (2 Peter 3:18; Prov. 4:23)
- 2** –his relationship with God and His Word will bear fruit in his life. Pray that he will be a man of wisdom and understanding, fearing the Lord. (Prov. 3:7; 9:10; Ps. 112:1)
- 3** –will be humble and quick to agree with God about his sin. Pray that his heart will be tender toward the voice of the Lord. (Ps. 51:2-4; Micah 6:8)
- 4** –will grow in leadership skills in your relationship – protecting and providing for you. Pray that he will lead you wisely and love you sacrificially, so that God will be glorified in your marriage. (Eph. 5:25-29; Col. 3:19)
- 5** –will be faithful to his wedding vows. Pray that he will have a desire to cultivate your relationship as a sign of his loyalty and commitment to you, and as a picture of Christ's love for the church. (Prov. 20:6; Gen. 2:24)
- 6** –will love righteousness and hate wickedness, especially the evils of the culture. Pray that he will recognize and avoid wickedness in his own life, and if necessary, take a clear, strong stand against evil. (Prov. 27:12; John 17:15; 1 Cor. 10:12-13)
- 7** –will safeguard his heart against inappropriate relationships with the opposite sex. Pray that his heart will be pure and undivided in his commitment to you. (Prov. 6:23-24, 26; Rom. 13:14)
- 8** –will work hard to provide for your family, to the best of his ability. Pray that the character qualities necessary for a successful career and ministry will be a growing part of his character – persistence, decisiveness, strength, an analytical mind, organizational skills, positive relationships with people, determination, etc. (Rom. 12:11; 1 Cor. 15:58)
- 9** –handle finances wisely, will have discernment concerning budgeting and investments, and will be a good steward of his money in regard to giving to the Lord's work. Pray that money will not become a source of discord in your family. (Prov. 23:4-5; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:5)
- 10** –will cultivate strong integrity, and not compromise his convictions. Pray that his testimony will be genuine, that he will be honest in his business dealings, and will never do anything that he needs to hide from others. (Prov. 20:7; 1 Tim. 1:5, 3:7; Eph. 6:10-12)
- 11** –will have a humble, teachable spirit and a servant's heart before the Lord. Pray that he will listen to God and desire to do His will. (Prov. 15:33; Eph. 6:6)
- 12** –will yield his sexual drive to the Lord and practice self control. Pray that your sexual intimacy together will be fresh, positive, and a reflection of selfless love. (Prov. 5:15, 18; 1 Cor. 7:3; SS 7:10)
- 13** –use practical skills to guide your family and make wise decisions for your welfare. Pray that he will serve unselfishly. (Gal. 5:13; Phil. 2:3-4)
- 14** –will speak words that guide you and your family, and reflect a heart of love. Pray that he will not use filthy language. (Prov. 18:21; Eph. 4:29)

- 15** –will choose his friends wisely. Pray that God will bring him men who will encourage his accountability before God, and will not lead him into sin. (Prov. 13:20; 20:17)
- 16** –will choose healthy, God-honoring activities. Pray that he will not live in bondage to any questionable habits or hobbies, but that he will experience freedom in holiness as he yields to the Spirit's control. (1 Cor. 6:12; 10:31; 2 Tim. 2:4)
- 17** –will enjoy his manliness as he patterns his life after Christ and strong men in the faith. Pray for his physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual strength. (Eph. 3:16; 1 Peter 2:21; 1 Cor. 10:11)
- 18** –will have an eternal perspective – living in light of eternity. Pray that he will reject materialism and temporal values and put God first in his life. (Mt. 6:33; Deut. 6:5; Eph. 5:16; Ps. 90:12)
- 19** –will be patient and a man of peace. Pray that he will not give in to anger, but will allow the Holy Spirit to control his responses. (Rom. 14:19; Ps. 34:14)
- 20** –will yield his mind and thoughts to the Lord. Pray that he will not entertain immoral or impure thoughts, and that he will resist the temptation to indulge in pornography. (Prov. 27:12; 2 Cor. 10:5)
- 21** –will learn to relax in the Lord and, in his greatest times of stress, find joy and peace in his relationship with God. Pray that he will submit his schedule to the Lord. (Neh. 8:10; Prov. 17:22; Ps. 16:11)
- 22** –will practice forgiveness in your relationship and with others. Pray that he will recognize any roots of bitterness, and yield any resentment and unforgiving attitudes to the Lord. (Eph. 4:32; Heb. 12:15)
- 23** –will be a good father – disciplining his children wisely and loving them unconditionally. If he is not a father, pray that he will find a young man to mentor in the things of the Lord. (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; 2 Tim. 2:1-2)
- 24** –will have a balanced life – that he will balance work and play. Pray that he will fear God, but also gain favor with people he knows at work and church. (Lk. 2:52; Prov. 13:15)
- 25** –will be courageous in his stand against evil and injustice, and that he will stand for the truth. Pray that he will protect you and your family from Satan's attacks. (Ps. 31:25; Eph. 6:13; Ps. 27:14)
- 26** –will discover and live his God-given purpose. Pray that he will offer all his dreams to the Lord, and pursue only those goals that will bring God glory and count for eternity. (Jer. 29:11; 1 Cor. 10:31)
- 27** –will understand the importance of taking care of his body – the temple of the Holy Spirit – for the glory of God. Pray that he will practice self-control by making wise food choices, and get sufficient exercise to stay healthy. (Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 6:19-20, 9:27)
- 28** –will be a man of prayer. Pray that he will seek and pursue God in purposeful quiet times. (1 Thes. 5:17; Luke 22:46; James 5:16)
- 29** –will surrender his time and talents to the Lord. Pray that his spiritual gifts will be manifest in his career, at church, and in your home. (Eph. 5:15-16; 1 Cor. 12:4,7)
- 30** –will serve God and others with pure motives. Pray that he will obey the Lord from his heart, and glorify Him in everything. (1 Cor. 10:13; John 7:17-18; Col. 3:23-24)
- 31** –will recognize the lies of the enemy in his life. Pray that his attitudes and actions will be guided by the truth as he brings his thoughts into captivity to the Word of God. (John 8:44; 2 Cor. 10:4-5)

31 Days of Praying for Your Children

- 1** –Salvation – “Lord, let salvation spring up within my children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.” Is. 45:8; 2 Tim. 2:10
- 2** –Growth in Grace – “I pray that my children may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3:18
- 3** –Love – “Grant Lord, that my children may learn to live a life of love, through the Spirit who dwells in them.” Gal. 5:25; Eph. 5:2
- 4** –Honesty and Integrity – “May integrity and honesty be their virtue and their protection.” Ps. 25:21
- 5** –Self-Control – “Father, help my children not to be like many others around them, but let them be alert and self-controlled in all they do.” 1 Thes. 5:6
- 6** –Love for God’s Word – “May my children grow to find Your Word more precious than much pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb.” Ps. 19:10
- 7** –Justice – “God, help my children to love justice as You do and act justly in all they do.” Ps. 11:7; Micah 6:8
- 8** –Mercy – “May my children always be merciful, just as their Father is merciful.” Luke 6:36
- 9** –Respect (for self, others, and authority) – “Father, grant that my children may show proper respect to everyone, as Your Word commands.” 1 Peter 2:17
- 10** –Biblical Self-Esteem – “Help my children develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.” Eph. 2:10
- 11** –Faithfulness – “Let love and faithfulness never leave my children, but bind these two twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of their hearts.” Prov. 3:3
- 12** –Courage – “May my children always be strong and courageous in their character and in their actions.” Deut. 31:6
- 13** –Purity – “Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in their actions.” Ps. 51:10
- 14** –Kindness – “Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.” 1 Thes. 5:15
- 15** –Generosity – “Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasures for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.” 1 Tim. 6:18-19
- 16** –Peace-Loving – “Father, let my children make every effort to do what leads to peace.” Rom. 14:19
- 17** –Joy – “May my children be filled with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.” 1 Thes. 1:6
- 18** –Perseverance – “Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to run with perseverance the race marked out for them.” Heb. 12:1
- 19** –Humility – “God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward all.” Titus 3:2
- 20** –Compassion – “Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion.” Col. 3:12
- 21** –Responsibility – “Grant that my children may learn responsibility, for each one should carry his own load.” Gal. 6:5
- 22** –Contentment – “Father, teach my children the secret of being content in any and every situation, through Him who gives them strength.” Phil. 4:12-13
- 23** –Faith – “I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children’s hearts, that by faith they may gain what has been promised to them.” Luke 17:5-6; Heb. 11:1-40
- 24** –A Servant’s Heart – “God, please help my children develop servant’s hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men.” Eph. 6:7

25 –Hope – “May the God of hope grant that my children may overflow with hope and hopefulness by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Rom. 15:13

26 –Willingness and Ability to Work – “Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work at it with all their heart, as working for the Lord and not for men.” Col. 3:23

27 –Passion for God – “Lord, please instill in my children a soul that ‘followeth hard after thee,’ one that clings passionately to You.” Ps. 63:8

28 –Self-Discipline – “Father, I pray that my children may acquire a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair.” Prov. 1:3

29 –Prayerfulness – “Grant, Lord, that my children’s lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that they may learn to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers.”

30 –Gratitude – “Help my children to live lives that are always overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Eph. 5:20; Col. 2:7

31 –A Heart for Missions – “Lord, please help my children to develop a desire to see Your glory declared among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among the peoples.” Ps. 96:3