

Blessing the Household

Introduction:

As the head of the family, it is your privilege and duty to pray for the household in your charge and those under your care and authority.

The following prayer was written to be prayed by a man and a woman. So often, in today's society, the woman finds herself having to assume the responsibility and position of the head of the household.

Prayer of Blessing for the Household:

Father, as the priest and head of this household, I declare and decree, "As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord."

Praise be to You, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for You have blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. We reverence You and worship You in spirit and in truth.

Lord, we acknowledge and welcome the presence of Your Holy Spirit here in our home. We thank You, Father, that Your Son Jesus is here with us because we are gathered together in His name.

Lord God, Your divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of You Who called us by Your own glory and goodness.

As spiritual leader of this home, I declare on the authority of Your Word that my family will be mighty in the land; this generation of the upright will be blessed.

Father, You delight in the prosperity of Your people; and we thank You that wealth and riches are in our house, and our righteousness endures forever.

In the name of Jesus, amen.

Scripture References:

Revelation 1:6	2 Peter 1:3 NIV
Joshua 24:15	Psalm 112:2 NIV
Ephesians 1:3 NIV	Psalm 25:37
John 4:23	Psalm 112:3
Matthew 18:20	

Prayer of Blessing at the Table

Introduction:

This prayer was written for the head of the household to pray not only to thank and praise God for His blessings, but also to cleanse and consecrate the food received and to sanctify the family members who partake of it.

Prayer

Father, thank You for giving to us our daily bread. We receive this food with thanksgiving and praise. You bless our bread and our water and take sickness out of the midst of us.

In the name of Jesus, we call this food clean, wholesome, and pure, nourishment to our bodies. Should there be any deadly thing herein, it shall not harm us for the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus makes us free from the law of sin and death.

In the name of Jesus, amen.

Scripture References

Matthew 6:11

1 Timothy 4:4 NIV

Exodus 23:25

Mark 16:18

Romans 8:2

Husbands' Prayer of Blessing for His Wife

Introduction:

It is positive reinforcement, validation, and affirmation for children to hear their father pray, blessing his wife and their mother. This is a method of honoring her and reaffirming her position in the home. Words are powerful, and the blessings for the wife in front of the children will promote appropriate self-esteem necessary for success in life.

Sometimes, a wife will feel that she has failed because she is not fulfilling all the roles expressed in Proverbs 31. I believe that God had this passage written to encourage a woman to be all that He created her to be. Out of her “being” – knowing herself, both her strengths and her weaknesses, developing her talents, seeing herself as God sees her, and looking to Christ for her completeness (wholeness) – comes the “doing.”

“The woman described in this chapter has outstanding abilities. Her family’s social position is high. In fact, she may not be one woman at all – she may be a composite portrait of ideal womanhood. Do not see her as a model to imitate in every detail; your days are not long enough to do everything she does! See her instead as an inspiration to be all you can be. We can’t be just like her, but we can learn from her industry, integrity, and resourcefulness.”¹

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Life Application Bible, New International Version edition (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991),
commentary at bottom of p. 1131.

Prayer

Father, I thank You for my wife who is a capable, intelligent, and virtuous woman. Her worth is far more precious than jewels, and her value is far above rubies or pearls.

I thank You that she is a woman of strong character, great wisdom, many skills, and great compassion. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and her position is strong and secure. She opens her mouth with skillful and godly wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness [giving counsel and instruction].

Our children rise up and call her blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied); and I boast of and praise her, [saying], “Many daughters have done virtuously, nobly, and well [with the strength of character that is steadfast in goodness], but you excel them all.”

Father, my wife reverently and worshipfully fears You, she shall be praised! Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates [of the city].

I respect, value and honor my wife before our children.

In the name of Jesus, amen.

Scripture References (AMP)

Proverbs 31:10
Proverbs 31:25,26
Proverbs 31:28,29
Proverbs 31:30,31

Parent's Prayer of Blessing for Children

Introduction:

The [Hebrew] father's place in the [traditional Jewish] home is fittingly shown by the beautiful custom of blessing the children, a custom which dates back to Isaac and Jacob. To this day, in many homes, the father blesses his children on Friday nights, on Rosh Hashanah eve and on Yom Kippur before leaving for the synagogue...

“In very ancient times, the father or patriarch was the ruler of home and family. He made laws and enforced them. Later, however, laws were instituted by teachers, parents, judges and kings. The father, as the master of the house, was looked up to for support and depended on for guidance.”²

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Ben M. Edidin, *Jewish Customs and Ceremonies* (New York: Hebrew Publishing Company, 1941), p. 23

The following prayer, based on a translation of the traditional Hebrew father's blessing upon his children, may be used by the head of the household, whether male or female.

Prayer

Father, I receive, welcome, and acknowledge each of my children as a delightful blessing from You. I speak Your blessings upon them and over them.

Children, I bless you in the name of Jesus, proclaiming the blessings of God, my Redeemer, upon you. May He give you wisdom, a reverential fear of God, and a heart of love.

May He create in you the desire to attend to His words; a willing and obedient heart that you may consent and submit to His sayings and walk in His ways. May your eyes look straight ahead with purpose for the future. May your tongue be as the pen of a ready writer, writing mercy and kindness upon the tablets of your heart. May you speak the truth in love. May your hands do the works of the Father; may your feet walk the paths which He has foreordained for you.

I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are living their lives in the truth.

May the Lord prepare you and your future mate to love and honor one another, and may He grant to your union upright sons and daughters who will live in accordance with His word. May your source of livelihood be honorable and secure, so that you will earn a living with your own hands. May you always worship God in spirit and in truth.

I pray above all things that you may always prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers. **...I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome** (Jeremiah 29:11 AMP).

In the name of Jesus, amen.

Scripture References

Psalms 127:3 AMP

Philippians 2:13 AMP

Proverbs 4:20

Psalms 45:1

Proverbs 3:3 AMP

Ephesians 4:15

Ephesians 2:10 AMP

3 John 4 AMP

1 Thessalonians 4:11,12 NIV

John 4:23

3 John 2