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Over the next two weeks we will be focusing in prayer on the Bride preparing Herself for the soon and coming King, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour and declare His rulership for all eternity, for all authority in heaven and earth has been given unto Him.

Praying for single mothers

*Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.
(1 Timothy 5:5)*

Globally nearly 8% of all households are headed by a single parent, with 84% of them mothers. This represents 101.3 million single mothers, i.e. mothers living alone with their children – and these numbers are rising.

MONDAY: 21 AUGUST 2023

PREPARING THE BRIDE: FASTING AND PRAYER

Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. (Matthew 9:14-15).

Let us pray:

Pray for the global church to grow in the knowledge of Jesus, the coming Bridegroom, as she continues to seek Him in times of prayer and fasting.

Seek God on behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ; to uphold the spiritual discipline of fasting and powerfully manifesting the light of Christ as His Bride

Thank God for the power He makes available when the Body of Christ fasts – deliverance from wickedness, oppression and heavy yokes; liberty to give generously, bearing His light in this dark world (Isaiah 58:6-8).

PRAYING FOR SINGLE MOTHERS: CALL OUT TO GOD

Answer me speedily, O LORD; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. (Psalm 143:7-8).

Many single parents fail to meet the budget not because they are not earning enough but because the responsibilities become more when alone. One has to take care of everything e.g. education, food, shelter, clothing and save for the future. They can feel that their family falls short of what God intended and feel unworthy or inferior. Pray for single mothers not to be without hope. Ask the Lord to remind them that He is trustworthy and that they must put their confidence in Him for in the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.

TUESDAY: 22 AUGUST 2023

PREPARING THE BRIDE: EXTEND THE INVITATION

'Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' (Matthew 22:9).

Let us pray:

Ask the Lord for a new thrust of youth responding to the call to go to the nations with the message of the gospel, inviting people from every people, nation, tribe and tongue to be part of the kingdom of God. Pray for the spiritual leadership of your local church to be actively involved in reaching the lost by equipping members to disciple others to be followers of Jesus. Take time today and ask the Lord who it is that you need to reach out to with the gospel message.

PRAYING FOR SINGLE MOTHERS: DO NOT BE ANXIOUS

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7).

Many single parents tend to get anxious and depressed because they need someone to share their daily challenges with. Acting with authority towards your children can be challenging because you have no one around to support the decisions you must make concerning house rules and to maintain order and discipline. Pray for these parents to tell God about their anxiety and fears. Pray for them to find their strength in God's Word and experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand so they can act with the Father's heart towards their children and for His glory.

WEDNESDAY: 23 AUGUST 2023

PREPARING THE BRIDE: ENCOUNTERING JESUS

*"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went **out to meet the bridegroom.**" (Matthew 25:1).*

Let us pray:

Pray for the different Christian ministries to keep intimacy with Jesus at the forefront of the ministry. Pray for believers to keep 'their lampstands filled with oil' by regular devotional times, have fellowship with the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit in their prayers and not forsake the regular gathering with brothers and sisters in Christ.

PRAYING FOR SINGLE MOTHERS: DO NOT GIVE UP

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. (Galatians 6:9).

Being a responsible single parent takes a lot of love, effort and commitment. This pressure can be so much that single parents cannot endure anymore, which leaves them mentally and emotionally tortured. Ask the Lord to offer the peace, guidance and hope that only He can offer that is needed to parent their children. Pray for these parents not to get discouraged and sink to the depths of despair, but to keep staying the course and press on with the patient endurance that only comes from the Father. Pray for them not to lose heart or grow weary in doing the good works He has prepared for them.

THURSDAY: 24 AUGUST 2023

PREPARING THE BRIDE: LONG FOR THE LORD'S RETURN

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. (Revelation 22:17).

Let us pray:

Pray for the Church, in harmony with the Holy Spirit, to cry out with longing in Her heart for the Lord's return and that She will make Herself ready for Him. For the Bride to prepare Herself by the constant washing of His Word (Ephesians 5:26). In humility pray for the believers to submit themselves to the Lord's discipline and refinement (Zechariah 13:9). To stand in agreement with the Word of God that *the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!* (Revelation 11:15).

PRAYING FOR SINGLE MOTHERS: FEAR NOT

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you." (Isaiah 43:1-2).

The hardest part of being a single mom is prioritising time. Most single working mothers feel exhausted trying to keep their jobs and ensure their children attend extra-curricular activities. Pray for the salvation of these single mothers. Pray for them to put their trust in the Lord when they face the challenges of life that appear to be so overwhelming. Pray for them to remember His Word of truth and His promises to be with them in their most troubling times, supporting them through it, giving them the strength to move beyond their troubles and delivering them out of danger.

FRIDAY: 25 AUGUST 2023

PREPARING THE BRIDE: KNOWING THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 2:10-11).

Let us pray:

Ask the Lord to awaken the hearts of Believers to seek out matters in prayer (Proverbs 25:2, Jeremiah 33:3). Call on God for a spiritual hunger in the hearts of Believers at your local church to know and encounter the Holy Spirit. Take time to lift the youth in prayer and ask for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

PRAYING FOR SINGLE MOTHERS: GOD YOUR REFUGE

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." (Psalm 91:1-2).

A lot of single parents tend to get fearful and hopeless because of their lack of ability to deal with multitasking and work overload. Ask the Lord to equip these parents for all that need to be done. Pray for these parents to go to God the Father in prayer and to draw near to the presence of God. Pray that they will unburden themselves before the Lord and be able to let go of trying to figure out to solve their overwhelming feelings and trust God to intervene in His time.

SATURDAY: 26 AUGUST 2023

PREPARING THE BRIDE: SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may 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; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16-19).

Let us pray:

According to the prayer above, ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen believers in the inner man (mind and emotions) to enable them to love and obey Jesus. Pray for a greater capacity to comprehend how Jesus sees us, as His people, and how He feels about others. Ask for more believers to experience the love of Christ, that surpasses all knowledge, in every season of their lives.

PRAYING FOR SINGLE MOTHERS: GOD'S WORD YOUR PROTECTION

But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all Your works. (Psalm 73:28).

Teenage girls who have kids are often confronted with rejection by their disappointed families. Rejection can cause psychological trauma to the teenage mother and her children, who have no one to look up to. Pray for these teenage mothers who need wisdom to make considered decisions to turn to God's Word which is a place of safety and protection that provides answers to every problem, every fear and every anxious thought. Pray for these young women to trust God and adhere to His voice, even when the world or their culture regards them as foolish.

SUNDAY: 27 AUGUST 2023

PREPARING THE BRIDE: WHOLEHEARTED OBEDIENT LOVE

Jesus said to him, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' (Matthew 22:37).

Let us pray:

Pray about instances where the Church has become lukewarm, for true repentance from self-sufficiency and a wholehearted turning to the Lord. Also, pray for individuals to daily deny themselves and take up their cross they need to bear as required of the Lord (Matthew 16:24). Lift in prayer, people who find it difficult to wholeheartedly follow Jesus because of family relations, culture or the dominant religion of their country. Ask for the truth of God's Word to cut to their hearts and bring them to repentance (Luke 14:26-27).

PRAYING FOR SINGLE MOTHERS: TRUST GOD

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20).

Not all people come into single parents' lives to make a positive impact. However, they traumatise single parents with their destructive behaviour. Pray that these parents will cry out to Jesus the Crucified and Living God. Pray for the salvation of these disillusioned single parents. Pray that they will learn to trust in the Father and commit themselves to obey the Word of God (Jesus) and be empowered (strengthened) by the Spirit of God. Pray that they will ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten their minds to understand the Word of God and to live according to what Jesus commands.
