

## Ladies Prayer International Newsletter



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### A Heart of Prayer

By Tere De la Rosa



It was a beautiful afternoon. The breeze was just right as I stood in my backyard and began communing with my wonderful Savior. I felt the urgency to pray specifically for protection for my heart, so I did. I remember asking the Lord to keep hatred and any other feeling that was not aligned with His Word or will from living in my heart. Proverbs 4:23 admonishes, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

Little did I know, the worst storm of my life was crashing its way towards me, promising all kinds of destroying winds for me and my family. The storm I am referring to was not physical. It was a spiritual battle, and it was a dark season for us.

If you are a mother I'm sure you would agree with me that we prefer something to hurt us and not our children. My trial involved pain and sorrow for the fruit of my womb, and for me it was very hard to deal with. According to how the world judges, I had every right to hate, despise, and scorn those who hurt my children; but because my heart was protected by God, I was unable to hate them. My heart was unchained, free to pray and praise. I was able to see clear in the middle of a dark night

and cry out to the One that could help my family and me to survive the storm. He came to our rescue. He responded to our prayers. We came through victorious!

"The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD" (Proverbs 21:31).

I don't know what you might be facing or about to face, but I encourage you to protect your heart. Fill it with the Word of life, with prayer and praises to the Lord, and nourish it with church attendance. When it makes sense for you to speak bitterness because you have been hurt, you will instead speak mercy, forgiveness, and love, because that's what your heart is full of!

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45).

Note: Luis and Tere De la Rosa pastor the Spanish ministry of Life Covenant Sanctuary, Bradenton, Florida, and serve as assistant pastor to Reverend Dale Eason. Sister De la Rosa is the Ladies Coordinator for the Spanish Evangelism Ministries and national and international speaker for Spanish ladies conferences.

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## What is the Heart of Prayer?

By Kay Burgess



What is the "Heart of Prayer"? Does it refer to the central idea of the noun prayer, or to the type of heart that one should desire? I believe it is both - something that we should both seek after and desire more than anything else.

King David was known as the man after God's own heart. He pursued God actively, seeking to commune with Him regularly in his thoughts, words, and heart. He also desired the same relationship for his children and for his house.

Although he was not allowed to build the temple, he did work hard throughout his reign to prepare for its eventual construction. God honored his heart's desire by allowing his son Solomon to be the actual builder. David knew that he personally would never build it or see it, yet he did everything possible to equip Solomon for the task.

Instead of regretting or lamenting the situation, we can feel David's heart's cry in II Samuel 7:27 as he prayed "For thou, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee." God rewarded David's heart by establishing his children upon the throne of Israel. Far better than building a physical house, God set up a spiritual house whereby his children could be saved. Later his son Solomon prayed his own adult prayer asking for the wisdom necessary to fulfill the commission. We see God's pleased response to Solomon's attitude in I Kings 4:29: "And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart."

Is that not our heart's cry as Ladies of Prayer - that our children would take ownership of the faith and be established forever in this beautiful truth? As mothers, does it not give us "largeness of heart" to see our children respond to the moving of God in their lives - first as children, then as adults? When everything that we've worked so hard to instill in them appears to suddenly take root and come to fruition in their lives, and we see them make good decisions and wise choices, do we not feel like the apostle John said in his third epistle? "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

I recently witnessed this concept in the life of Sister Margarita, a humble Philippine national living here in Spain. A faithful, praying sister who came to God via a long, broken road in life, Sister Margarita recently testified of God's miraculous provision. It began as a simple prayer that God would provide for her to continue paying her modest faith promise commitment. Then God spoke to her and told her to pay a much larger amount, a great percentage of her monthly salary. So, after more prayer, she committed the larger amount. Within hours, her employers had paid her daughter's school bill, gave her a bonus big enough to pay her yearly commitment, and paid a three-month vacation back to the Philippines for herself and her young daughter Meagan.

This is a fantastic testimony for Faith Promise, but it didn't stop there. Meagan, of course, was aware of many of these events, yet had never responded in church to the moving of the spirit. Just shortly after returning from their vacation, Meagan spoke out in response to an altar call in a home cell group meeting by saying, "What about me?" The adults gathered around, and in just a few moments Meagan began to speak in a heavenly language. Just last Sunday we baptized her in Jesus' name!

What about Meagan, indeed?! And all the other Meagans of this world? Is that not the cry of God's children everywhere - what about me? That is the heart of prayer - that our children would learn to seek after the heart of God. David said it so well in Psalms 27:4 "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after." People are "people" everywhere, and we all need a Savior!

Note: Ken and Kay Burgess have been missionaries with the UPCI since July, 1989. They have served in three different countries, and are currently in Madrid, Spain. They pastor Tabernáculo de Vida, (Life Tabernacle Madrid), administer and teach in the National Bible School, and serve as Supervisors of the Madrid District.

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Debbie Akers

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Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

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- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
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