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Daily Prayer

By Yona Van Gorp



In February, my husband and I ministered in another church. During the altar call, I was playing the piano. At the end of the service, we collected the names of those who had received the Holy Ghost during the service. Our daughter, Louisa, was one of them. I did not pray with her, did not hear her pray through, and did not see her receive it. My husband said he saw her pray at the altar and when he came up to pray with her, she was already speaking in tongues.

To be honest, I was a little bit disappointed that I was not around her when it happened. History was repeating itself. When our son, Nathanael, received the Holy Spirit, he, also, was praying alone at the altar while we were serving in another church.

I was led to Proverbs 6:6. But the Lord asked me to consider the mother duck. So let me paraphrase: "Go to the duck, thou mother; consider her ways and be wise." The moment her babies are born and out of their eggshell, the mother duck starts to go on her way. The tiny, two-minutes-old baby ducks follow their mother everywhere she goes. Minutes after their birth they are leaving the nest, flying out of a tree, walking, swimming . . . all this because mummy is doing it also. They follow what they see her do.

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1).

Even if our children do not follow us in a perfect line like the baby ducks, they, too, are watching us. Kids tend to pick up on what they see. If they see bad, they will tend to do bad; and if they see good, they will tend to do good. Our children will follow Christ as we follow Him.

How do we follow Him then? Do we follow Him with an agenda? Do we follow Him on special occasions? Or do we follow Christ daily?

Titus 2:7 says, "In all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds" (NASB20).

We are not always able to be constantly around our children to tell them to pray, to seek the Lord, to sing, to worship, to read their Bible. But they see us. They see you, mama, when you pray in the car, when you pray for others. They see you at the altar. They see you when, in the middle of sickness, you choose to trust in God. And because they see you follow Christ in your daily life, they know what to do and how to receive God's presence in their life. Because mummy does it too.

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The Importance of Daily Prayer

By Verssie Churchill



And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually. (Job 1:5)

Give us this day our daily bread. (Matthew 6:11)

The implication in Scripture is that we must pray daily. It appears that Job prayed each day for his children. Jesus implied in what we call “The Lord’s Prayer” that we should pray daily.

We give little thought to the fact that we must have air to breathe each day and food to eat to nourish our bodies. It is so much a part of our lives that we just do it. Prayer is our spiritual breath and nourishment. We must have it every day to live spiritually.

When we fly, the flight attendant always tells us that in the event the oxygen mask drops to put our mask on first before helping others. Before we can help our own children spiritually, we must have our own relationship with God. Daily prayer is important to this relationship.

No matter the ages of our children, praying for them is imperative. Regardless of how many other responsibilities we have, we must make time to pray. We cannot let the urgent push out the important.

The only thing we can take to heaven with us is our children. Yet, they must have their own relationship with God. We must start while they are young. It has been said that we teach more by example than we do by words. This makes daily prayer so important. It also confirms the cliché that “actions speak louder than words.”

Children observe our behavior and imitate it. I confess that I worship and pray a lot like my parents, who are no longer living. My daughter, who is a pastor’s wife, recently sent me a note thanking me for teaching her how to pray. My father-in-law would not allow his children to get on the school bus before he had prayer with them. If we want our children to pray, we must set the example.

Daily prayer is important for our own relationship with God but also for our children and their future.

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From LPI Director and Editor



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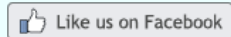
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Who we are . . . Since 1999: Ladies Prayer Intl. is made up of women worldwide, who meet on the first Monday of each month to unite in focused prayer for their children and the children of the local church and community.

Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

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

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (1 John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38). [Text L](#)