



## Prayer for My Children's Future Spouses

As we discussed in chapter eleven of *A Wife's Secret to Happiness*, the way we live as wives sets examples for our children and offers a healthy, faith-filled lineage.

A lineage of women who reject the accepted narrative of *strength* as *control*. Women confident in their femininity. Who accept covering as a good thing. Not afraid to walk under authority because they recognize the benefits of genuine leadership.

I envision boys growing into men as they watch their mothers honor their fathers and fathers sacrifice with limitless abandon, setting new expectations for healthy marriages and giving our sons higher standards for their future wives.

I'm modeling a lifestyle, a wifestyle, for my children. My actions teach them how to view God and how to honor authority. I want my example to emulate hope and love so they notice the blessings of the Lord's faithfulness in my life. To gaze upon Jesus—living, breathing, walking, and talking on earth—and not just in my parenting or external ministry, but in my marriage. (*A Wife's Secret to Happiness*, pages 204–205.)

Even as we aim to set this example, we also have the opportunity to pray for our children's future spouses. Asking for God's guidance in how they live, how they grow, and who they become.

Here are ten areas we can pray for our future sons or daughters-in-law—as we pray them over our own kids as well. Please don't see this as a check list that you must pray every day or bad things will happen. This isn't a chain letter.

Use this as a suggestion list to help guide your prayers. Ask the Lord to prompt you to pray in various areas so you can best intercede in each season. You may pray for #1 for years and never feel prompted to pray for #6. That's OK. In fact, that could be God. Ask him to guide your prayers and trust that he will follow through on his end.



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1. Salvation – to come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.
2. Spiritual development as a maturing child of God – a love for God. Hunger to know his voice, for his word, and a desire to do what pleases him.
3. Calling and career direction – clarity on God's will for them in every season and long-term for their life. For responsibility, self-discipline, faithfulness, courage, and perseverance.
4. Finances – giving, receiving, hard work, budgeting, saving, and tithing.
5. Health, protection, and purity – physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
6. For their family – to grow up in a safe, secure, and loving home. For God's provision in their lives.
7. Love – to receive and give genuine love according to 1 Corinthians 13. Love that is patient, kind, does not envy, does not boast, is humble and not rude, not insisting on its own way, not irritable, not resentful, does not rejoice at wrongdoing, rejoices with the truth. Love that bears all things, believes, hopes, and endures all things.
8. The fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control.
9. Favor – God's divine provision in their life. Open doors, and gratitude for the Lord's provision.
10. For their future relationship with your child.

### **Bonus:**

11. For your future relationship with your child's spouse.