

# What men must pray for men

We so often see women praying for us men, but there is a place and time when we men should pray for each other. God is undoubtedly busy doing something among the men in our country. I am thinking of Angus Buchan's *Mighty Men* conferences, the Daniel conferences presented at Moreleta Park, the smaller Daniel conferences all over the country, and also the numerous networks, initiatives and congregations that present camps for men. Literally hundreds of thousands of men are reached in this way every year and the stories in the wake of these gatherings are absolutely amazing. I would also like to encourage every man to watch the film *Fireproof* and read the book *The Love Dare*, and to put into practice what they gain from the content. God is busy with a restoration process among the men in our country; let us men pray for our men.

1. Pray that every man will recall the covenant made with his wife before God, and honour his marriage vows.
2. Pray that men will treat their wives with respect, and love them so much that they will even be prepared to die for their wives like Christ was prepared to die for the Church (**Ef.5:25**).
3. Pray for men to take their place as priests in the home: to pray for their wives and children – to pray as if they are the only ones praying for them. That men will not make excuses why they can't pray for their wives and children (no time, don't know how, etc.)
4. Pray that the conduct of men in the workplace will be ethical and that they will be men with integrity. Ask that they do not continue with practices that are not in line with the Word of God, and that they will make a choice for God, irrespective of the consequences.
5. Ask that men will "pray with holy hands lifted up to God" all over, everywhere, wherever they assemble (**1 Tim.2:8**). This is God's will. Pray that men will start prayer groups in congregations and in their workplace to pray for the congregation, the workplace and the country.
6. Pray for the salvation of hundreds of thousands of men from all population groups in our country. Start by writing down the names of 3-5 men and to pray for their salvation. Persist in this; don't stop in a few weeks or months' time. Persevere. Plead with God for the salvation of these men as if you are pleading for your own salvation.
7. Make sure when you pray, that there is no bitterness inside you towards your wife, children and the people at your place of work. You cannot pray for them from a judgmental heart filled with bitterness. Ask God to give you faith – faith comes from reading the Word and praying God's promises (**Rom.10:17**).
8. Persevere in prayer. Don't pray sporadically, but pray continually. Pray from the heart and regularly. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep on reminding you constantly. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results. Remember: Elijah was as human as we are and when he prayed earnestly, God performed extraordinary wonders (**Jas.5:16-18**).
9. Pray that more men will make themselves available to go out to the mission fields of the world and to bring the gospel to the unreached in other countries. More than 1.9 billion people are currently regarded as unreached.