



**The Week of May 9, 2021  
Praying for the Next Generation  
Conversation Guide**

**This Week's Take-Aways**

- **About God's Design for Marriage and Family:** (Ephesians 5:22-6:4) I believe marriage and family are gifts from God and serve as a picture of Christ's relationship with the church. Family is the first environment where I am able to demonstrate my love for God by the way I love others.
- **I am in prayer:** (Philippians 4:6) I regularly pray to God to better know Him and His direction for my life.

**Intro Questions**

- What is the worst Mother's Day gift you've ever given or received? The best?
- Who is someone that has been like a mother to you- someone who prayed for you and taught you about God?
- Whether you're a parent or not, we all have younger people in our lives. Who are some people from the "next generation" that you could be in prayer for?

## Why pray for the Next Generation?

- Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7

*These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

- Why is it important to teach children God's commandments?
- Who's responsibility is it to teach your children?
- How can parents partner with the church family to create an environment for children to know and follow God's commands?
- How can we model following God for the next generation?

- Read 2 Timothy 1:5

*I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also.*

- In this letter, Paul is writing to Timothy, whom he considered his son in the faith. How did Timothy come to be a man of faith?
- What role did his mother and grandmother have in his spiritual development?
- In what ways can a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. have influence on the up and coming generation?

- Read Psalm 78:4-7

*We will not hide them from their children, but will tell a future generation the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his might, and the wondrous works he has performed. He established a testimony in Jacob and set up a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children so that a future generation – children yet to be born – might know. They were to rise and tell their children so that they might put their confidence in God and not forget God's works, but keep his commands.*

- How can we switch from a “surviving the day” mindset to long-term, generation-changing mindset with our children and others younger than us?

## Praying Scripture

**Why Praying Scripture is Powerful** (from <https://embracing.life/article/scriptures-pray-family>)

- God gave us His word and He wants us to pray. When you combine the two spiritual disciplines of reading the Word and prayer by praying Scripture, it will help you apply God's word to your life while growing deeper in your prayer life.
- Praying Scripture honors God by using His own words to praise Him and pray to Him.
- We tend to pray for things WE want, but praying Scripture will help align your desires with

what HE wants. And when our desires are aligned, that's when we're most likely to see God move powerfully in our prayers.

- You can personalize the Scriptures while you pray them with the specific things your family needs in that area. You may even want to consider focusing on only one Scripture to pray each day, making it a month long praying Scripture challenge. (link to)

Take some time and pray these scriptures below for your children, grandchildren, or other person/people younger than you. Chose the method below that works best for the makeup and personality of your group.

- Read the scripture out loud then take time to allow the members to pray silently.
- Take turns and have different members pray the scriptures below.
- Break into groups of two or three and pray the scriptures together.

- Pray that they would submit to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

*Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2*

- Pray that they would learn to trust God in all things and seek Him continually.

*Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

- Pray for protection for them.

*If you make the Most High your dwelling-even the LORD who is my refuge-then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:9-12*

## Next Steps

- [Praying for Your Kids from Right Now Media- https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/Preview/81849](https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/Preview/81849)
- [25 Scriptures to Pray for Your Family- https://embracing.life/article/scriptures-pray-family](https://embracing.life/article/scriptures-pray-family)
- [iMom Prayer Tools- https://www.imom.com/printable\\_categories/prayer/](https://www.imom.com/printable_categories/prayer/)