



Ephesians: Framing Prayer for Children

*Gathering all generations
to pray for all nations
ASKing God to do what only He can do
and doing whatever He ASKs of us.*

*Use the six chapters of Ephesians as a
framework for praying the Word for children*

If you have not already worked through the Basic Lessons, also found under Teaching Resources, it is recommended you do so, in order to get the most out of this and the other teaching lessons.

Suggestion: Read through the lesson first, then pray two by two, go slowly through the Scriptures, turning each one into prayer as you are led for those you are praying for. If you do not have children, pray for the children you know. Stop and meditate and share with the one you are praying with as you are led by the Holy Spirit. This prayer will not be finished in one sitting. This will be an introduction, getting you started seeding with the Word and laying foundation for the promises of God to be fulfilled in the lives of those you are praying for.

God spoke the Word.

Hebrews 11:3 “By faith we understand that the worlds (ages) were **framed** by the Word of God so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” To the intercessor, things seen are answered prayer made of things unseen, i.e. the prayers.

Hebrews 11:3 calls framing, setting things in order. Using this as a blueprint, you can pray a framework in the spiritual realm. Pray in a methodical way, laying a prayer foundation and expecting prayer answers.

Isaiah 51:16 speaks of **planting** the heavens and **laying the foundations** of the earth. These are two ways of looking at praying the Word, i.e. turning the Word into prayer.

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You plant with the Word of God as seed to see a harvest. You lay foundations with the Word of God to build and to frame.

The LORD of Hosts, the God of the Armies is speaking:

Isaiah 51:16 “I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I may **plant the heavens** and **lay the foundations of the earth.**” With God’s Words in your mouth, you are authorized to speak His words in prayer, you are graced to plant/seed the Word and to lay, build foundations for answered prayer in the heavenly realms.

This is the same as Jeremiah 1:9, 10 using God’s Words to build and to plant in prayer.

Jeremiah 1:9 “The LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: Behold, I have put My words in your mouth ... ^{v10} to build and to plant.

FRAMING — As a carpenter frames a house, he follows the blueprint and builds the framework of the house, showing where the rooms will be, doors, windows, fireplaces as guide for the things not yet seen, but the things that will come.

Isaiah and Jeremiah were prophets. As you meditate, seek God for His prayers, His words will be in mouth, not in the office of a prophet, but as one authorized, one having delegated authority in these prayers. God's Word has power, is effective, Hebrews 4:12.

Use the Word of God from Ephesians as a Holy Spirit blueprint, claiming the promises and laying out God's plans for those you pray for.

For example, in Ephesians 1:1 "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,"

Use their name(s) in prayer as, -----, called of God, set apart according to the will of God. **Apostle** is a calling, pray to see their fulfillment of calling, purpose, destiny.

Scripture then mentions a specific church;

"To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus" — Pray they will be saved and understand they are saints, set apart for God and that they be led to the right church and found faithful in attendance, fellowship and ministry.

Verse 2 is the blessing of Grace and Peace.

Grace is the Divine influence on the heart and its reflection in the life. This is a good definition from Strongs Concordance, #5485 Example: Being able to love your enemies is evidence of grace in your life. Salvation is a result of grace.

Peace means one, to join and pictures a renewed fellowship with God. As a greeting, it means God's well being.

Turn this into prayer relating to the names of the Father and Lord Jesus Christ.

- That your loved one will experience God's grace and peace,
- know God as Father, know Jesus as Lord of their life and as Jesus/Savior who took their sin,
- and receive the blessings that come with being in union, in fellowship with Christ.

v3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.." Then scripture lists the spiritual blessings: chosen to stand before Him in love, adopted, accepted, redeemed, forgiven for our sins. The list goes on from v3-14. Take time to pray for each blessing.

Pray those you pray for ----- will learn and practice the principle of blessing God and others. Pray they will come into the spiritual blessings listed in the rest of this chapter.

Chapter 1 deals with calling, spiritual blessings they are to have, understanding their position in adoption, being accepted by the Beloved, and God's will for their life.

Use Your Bible and pray each phrase into a pray foundation. Work your way through Scripture; do this over a period of time.

Chapter 2 deals with an end to the old life and the works they are called into. The framework is laid to know Christ as Peace and cornerstone of the dwelling place of God in the Spirit that they are to become.

Chapter 3 holds Paul's great prayer to fully know the love of God which roots and grounds them and secures them in their walk.

Chapter 4 is a call to walk worthy in the fruits of the Spirit, to be equipped with spiritual gifts, to find their place in the Body of Christ, and to turn from all the ways of the flesh and learn to walk in love.

Chapter 5 is instructive; walk in love, in good character, in truth, in light, in the Spirit, in wisdom and submission to each other in the marriage and family relationships.

Chapter 6 equips in spiritual warfare, to live in in the armor of God and enter the arena of prayer for all the saints, the Church.

Application: As you pray through this a little at a time,

- there will be a time when this prayer foundation is finished,
- by the Spirit you will know it and in faith begin to see it.
- Then begin to thank God for what He will do for those you prayed for.

This can be prayed in many circumstances and for many children of all ages.