



Psalm 127: Asking for Families to be Godly

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

*The Word of God brings
Righteous Instruction and Godliness*

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 the lesson, then meditate on the Scriptures. Receive as if God is speaking to you directly through the Word; respond the same way. **Response:** Respond personally to what you receive, this will allow the implanted word to be seeded in your heart, James 1:21. Teach children how to receive God's Word in their heart.

There are only five verses in this psalm. ASK the Holy Spirit to give you His prayers for each verse. **Group:** Take a brief time to share what each received in meditation. Add on to each other's prayers until each prayer point is finished, then go on to the next. Include thanking God as part of your prayers.

All people need God's help.

Psalm 127:1 "Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it;" Solomon wrote this psalm and knew from experience that without God everything can become meaningless, Ecclesiastes 1:1. Unless the LORD builds a house, a city, a nation, man's efforts will not bring lasting blessings.

Man's greatest need is salvation through Jesus as Savior. As men turn to God, acknowledge their need for Him, He will respond. With sins covered, wiped away with the Savior's blood, there can come personal restoration and then national restoration. A nation turns to God one person at a time, one household at a time to see lasting change.

v1 cont. "It is vain for you to rise up early to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrow; for so He gives His beloved sleep," Whether watchmen are security forces or intercessors, success comes with God's involvement. **Response:** Did you ever think of securing your home, your neighborhood with prayer?

v3 "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward." Godly children when they are grown and follow their callings, bring righteousness to a nation. Most western countries have a decreasing population. In America many marriages today have just an only child. The next generation needs to be about the same number as the elderly. A declining population cannot keep up with even the welfare and retirement demands like Social Security. Birthrate must maintain 2.1 births per woman or population will continue to decrease and the country suffers economically as well as spiritually. If you do not have children, pray for the children you know.

v4 “Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth.” The analogy would seem to indicate it is better to have more than one child. Pray for those who are under pressure of finances or career demands to put off having children until they feel they are ready because things do not always work out the way they were planned. Investing yourself in children is rewarding with grandchildren, great grandchildren and a large family group.

v5 “Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them, they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.” In this age of political correctness and self-satisfaction, large families stand out and at times are disapproved. God’s thoughts are different than man’s; children are blessings from God. There is strength in numbers in times of difficulties in families that have learned to value each other and work together. Pray that parents will recognize the giftings God has put in their children and encouraged them.

Other Scriptures to pray as you are led:

3 John 1:4 “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”

Isiah 54:13 “All your children shall be taught by the LORD and, great shall be the peace of your children.”

Proverbs 17:6 “Children’s children are the crown of old men, and the glory of children is their father.” Ask God to be Father to those children who have no father.

Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

2 Timothy 3:15 “...and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

Matthew 18:1-5 “At that time the disciples came to Jesus saying, ‘Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ Then Jesus called a little child to Him, and him in the midst of them and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Application: Pray for children to grow in the ways of the Lord. Pray for all children, pray for those no one else prays for. Pray for young married couples that God would be involved in their decision to have children.