

A Prayer for Singles

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 146, I Corinthians 7:32-40, Philippians 4:4-8

Reflections of the Heart:

It is sometimes difficult to live in a world that is centered around family when you are single. Loneliness and the temptation to be jealous of those who have found a mate can be so overwhelming that it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that something has to be wrong if you are not married. Instead of trying to figure out what is wrong with being single, why not celebrate the freedom that God has provided to allow single folks to bring His will to fruition? Let us pray that all unmarried people will rejoice in knowing that they are not alone...that they have the perfect companion in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and by virtue of being in a relationship with Him, they not only receive God's love, but are able to share His love without restriction.

Scriptural Prayer:

Heavenly Father, our souls bless You with all that is within us. We bless Your holy name! We bless You, and remember all of Your benefits. Thank You, Father, for forgiving us of our iniquities, for healing all of our diseases, and for crowning us with Your loving-kindness and tender mercy. Thank You for satisfying our mouths with good things so that our youth is renewed like that of the eagle. Thank You for being such a wonderful, loving Father. Thank You, Lord, for being our strength, refuge and fortress. You are our God, in whom we trust.

Father, we declare that our singles will love You with all their hearts, souls, strength, and minds. We also declare that they will love their neighbors as they love themselves. We confess that our singles are led by Your Holy Spirit and they also have the mind of Christ. They will prosper in everything that they do and all things will be possible through Christ who strengthens them. Lord, our singles will live with all godliness and contentment. As they trust You, Father, to give them a joyful heart as You guide them in all areas of their lives.

Holy Spirit, please provide our singles with God-fearing, kind, patient, and trustworthy friends who are filled with wisdom. Stir the hearts of our singles to work in ministry by reminding them that their needs are met when they attend to the needs of others. Provoke our singles to reach out and provide help to those who are in need. Touch our singles to pray for those who are in spiritual crisis such that Your power may be known. Holy Spirit, comfort our singles who experience loneliness and help our Church Family to provide the extended family that our singles may desire. Bless those singles who are the head of a family and help our Church Family to provide a support system to help with the children that they are raising. Father, please heal the broken hearts and wounded spirits of those singles who have lost a spouse. Help those singles who are in need to freely accept the God-given help that is offered to them without shame or guilt. Father, for those singles who desire a mate, help them to wait patiently for the person with whom You would have them be equally yoked. Give them a cheerful countenance while they wait.

What ways can singles help others? (list them and encourage a single person on today):

Merciful Father, forgive our singles for not completely trusting You. Forgive those who have depended on themselves instead of You. Forgive those singles who are so anxious and fretful about their single status that they spend more time looking for love than attending to Your business through ministry. Forgive those who have been envious of people who have found a mate. Forgive those who follow the desires of their flesh instead of the desires of the Holy Spirit. Lord, forgive our singles for *(list the sins, say them out loud to the Lord)*. Father, forgive me for *(list any sins that you have committed.)* Holy Spirit, remind our singles of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. *(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)."* Now, *trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)*

Holy Spirit, help our singles to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Heavenly Father, You are the Holy One, Israel's Creator and King. You are the Lord, who opened a way through the waters, making a dry path through the sea. You created the heavens and stretched them out. You created the earth and everything in it. You give breath to everyone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text (NKJV) : Psalm 103:1-5, Luke 10:27, Romans 8:14, I Corinthians 2:16, Philippians 4:13, I Timothy 6:6, Philippians 4:19, Psalm 147:3, Galatians 5:16, Isaiah 43:15-16, Isaiah 42:5

Today I will trust God to:
