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# Christian Practices That Bless the World



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# Genesis 12:2

<sup>2</sup> And I will make you a great nation,  
And I will bless you,  
And make your name great;  
And so you shall be a blessing;

*\*All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*

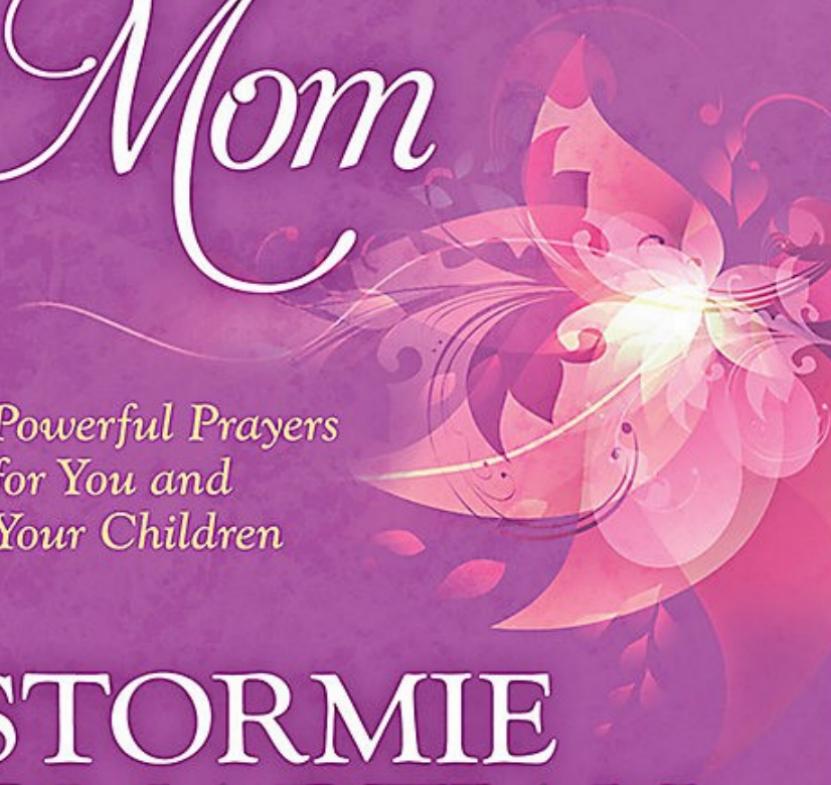
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## One We Often See in Mom

*The Power of a*  
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# A Practice We See in Our Moms



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A blessing we all appreciate:  
our praying moms.

# A Practice We See in Our Moms



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That's one reason we often look at Hannah on Mother's Days.

# 1 Samuel 1:10-11

<sup>10</sup> She, greatly distressed, prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.

# 1 Samuel 1:10-11

<sup>11</sup> She made a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come on his head.”

# 1 Samuel 1:20

<sup>20</sup> It came about in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son; and she named him Samuel, *saying*, “Because I have asked him of the LORD.”

# A Few Biblical Reminders



1) Passage to Notice:  
Ezekiel 22:29-30

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<sup>29</sup> The people of the land have practiced oppression and committed robbery, and they have wronged the poor and needy and have oppressed the sojourner without justice.

# Ezekiel 22:29-30

<sup>30</sup> I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.

# A Few Biblical Reminders



➤ Sometimes God allows events to proceed because no one prayed.

# A Few Biblical Reminders



## 2) Passage to Notice: Luke 11:5-10

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<sup>5</sup> Then He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves;

<sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’;

# Luke 11:5-10

<sup>7</sup> and from inside he answers and says,  
'Do not bother me; the door has  
already been shut and my children and  
I are in bed; I cannot get up and give  
you *anything*.'

# Luke 11:5-10

<sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

# Luke 11:5-10

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

# A Few Biblical Reminders



➤ God responds to persistence in prayer.

# A Few Biblical Reminders



## 3) Passage to Notice: Isaiah 37

# Isaiah 37

<sup>10</sup> “Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, ‘Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”’

# Isaiah 37

<sup>14</sup> Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> Hezekiah prayed to the LORD saying,  
...

# Isaiah 37

<sup>20</sup> Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, LORD, are God.”

# Isaiah 37

<sup>21</sup> Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent *word* to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria,  
<sup>22</sup> this is the word that the LORD has spoken against him: ...

# Isaiah 37

<sup>35</sup> ‘For I will defend this city to save it for My own sake and for My servant David’s sake.’”

# Isaiah 37

<sup>36</sup> Then the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, all of these were dead.

<sup>37</sup> So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned *home* and lived at Nineveh.

# A Few Biblical Reminders



➤ We won't know until eternity all the ways prayer made a difference.

# Quietly Changing the World



# 1 Samuel 12:23

<sup>23</sup> Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way.

# Quietly Changing the World



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Our prayers say a lot about our faith;  
and the world is impacted.

# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

# What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear

- Learn about Christ (Rom. 10:17)

Believe

- Believe in Christ (John 8:24)

Repent

- Commit to Follow Christ (Acts 2:38)

Confess

- Confess your faith (Romans 10:9-10)

Be Baptized

- Baptism into Christ (Acts 2:38, Rom 6:3-4)