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### PRAYING MOTHERS

*For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him.  
Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. (1 Samuel 1:27-28a)*

What is the best gift a mother can give her child? I believe it is to pray for that child and surrender them to the Lord as Hannah did with Samuel in the verse we just read. We obviously will not physically surrender our children to the local pastor, but we can lay their lives at Jesus' feet. We can pray for our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

I have been blessed to have the wonderful heritage of a prayer warrior for a mother. As my dad served in World War II, my mom and dad prayed "the soldier's prayer", Psalm 91, every day until he came home from the war. To this day I see it as their theme Bible verse. When children came, the prayers increased. I know that over the years and even today I am the object of a lot of my mom's prayer time with her Lord.

I still have the vision in my head of my mother on her knees in front of her "prayer chair" interceding for me or someone else. What power in prayer to the one true God! Today at 91 years of age, my mom can no longer get on her knees. However, she now sits in her chair and continues to intercede for her family, so many others, and me. She remains head of her church's prayer chain keeping her connected with her church family. What an example!

Over the years as a mom myself, some of the sweetest words I have heard from my daughter have been "Mom, will you pray with me now?" Jesus loves to hear those words from us too! He doesn't care where we are when we pray. It can be as we change a diaper, sit at a stop light, while we cook or throw that millionth load of laundry into the washer – just talk to God. He loves to hear us say, "God, can I talk to you now? Thank You for listening to my problems! Can You help me and show me Your way? Thank You for Your blessings today!"

So, as you pray for that loved one, entrust them to the Lord, surrendering them to God. We have loving examples of this in the Bible: Hannah giving Samuel to the Lord; Mary offering up Jesus, her beloved firstborn; and ultimately, the way our loving Father sent His Son, and gave Him to die for our sins on a cross to save us. So, trust in this loving God who will never ever fail you. Enjoy the journey God will take you on as you pray in all things.

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

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*Prayer: Thank You Lord for sending Jesus to die for my sins and for being able to talk to You at any time. I am so happy I am Your child. Help me to bring my cares and needs to You as I pray for myself and others. Give me the peace that only comes from You as I trust in Your answers. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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