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**Praying the Word**  
By Michelle Graham



Since the day our children were born, we have wanted the very best for them. But if you were like me, you felt woefully inadequate to teach them. Those innocent eyes looked at you with complete trust that you would direct them safely through the roads ahead of them. Oh, how we prayed that God would give us divine wisdom beyond our years!

We know that God's Word is life's instruction book. So, how then can we instill it into the hearts and minds of our children? How do we lead and guide them in the ways of truth? How do we help them understand and obey God's will in their lives? One secret is by PRAYING THE WORD over them.

As you pray the Word, insert their name into the scriptures:

**Offer of protection:**

- Help \_\_\_\_\_ not to fear and not be dismayed because you are with them. You are their God and will strengthen and help them. (Isaiah 41:10)
- Cover \_\_\_\_\_ with your feathers and under those wings let her trust. Let your truth be her shield and buckler. (Psalm 91:4)
- Lord, preserve \_\_\_\_\_ from all evil; preserve his soul. Preserve him as he goes out and comes back in. (Psalm 121:7 & 8)

**Guide Them:**

- "For I know the thoughts that I think toward \_\_\_\_\_, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give \_\_\_\_\_ a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11) NKJV
- May \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge you in all her ways, and You shall direct her paths. (Proverbs 3:6)
- A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs \_\_\_\_\_'s steps. (Proverbs 16:9)
- Let \_\_\_\_\_ desire one thing of the Lord and seek after it, that they will dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of their lives. (Psalms 27:4)

**Our words are powerful:**

- Let the words of \_\_\_\_\_'s mouth, and the meditation of his heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord. (Psalm 19:14)
- Set a watch over \_\_\_\_\_'s mouth, Lord; and keep watch over the door of her lips. (Psalm

141:3)

- Have \_\_\_\_\_ to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. (James 1:9)
- Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of \_\_\_\_\_'s mouth, but only what is helpful building others up according to their need, that it may benefit those who listen. (Ephesians 4:29)

Our children can stand strong in His ways no matter what life brings their way. In every situation there are Scriptures at your disposal to pray over them. Such prayers are powerful, and they never die. So, keep praying! Your children are depending on it, even if they don't know it yet!

Note: Sis Graham is happily married to Rev Scott Graham, general secretary of the UPCI. They have two wonderful children. She enjoys scrapbooking, reading, and shopping for bargains.

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### **I Can Speak HIS Word**

By Tara Dillon



To some, the Bible is just a book with a bunch of words that some people say they don't understand, but to a desperate child of God, it is LIFE and HOPE!!

I am a mother to four very wonderful people. I have two beautiful girls who are married to wonderful ministers of the gospel and two handsome young men still at home. My husband and I have been very fortunate in the child-rearing area of teenagers and young adult stages in life, but this year the devil attacked our family in a new deceptive way that we never could have imagined. In this crisis, I became desperate for God's direction and leading in our family and home. We prayed more, fasted more, sought counsel, and began to re-evaluate some things in our lives. We both work, myself part-time and my husband full-time, on top of Hyphen ministry, Bible Quiz coaching, church leadership team, and jail ministry. If you asked us what we enjoyed, we would tell you all of it. However, did we love it more than family? Nothing matters more than our family and home. We realized that we were working for the Kingdom, but we were not ministering where it was the most important: our family. We began evaluating every area of our lives. As a result, we kept the same ministries, but we tweaked how they affected our daily lives.

During this time, God quickened me to pray the Word over my children and home. This concept was not foreign to me. After all, I have years in Bible Quiz ministry, I encourage young people to pray the Word, and I have prayed the Word many times. I prayed constantly throughout the day and part of the night, and though things changed, it was still a battle. I woke up and anointed my boys' clothes, prayed over their pillows, prayed over the house, and rebuked any hindering spirits in my home, but I needed something stronger. When I felt the nudge of God to pray the Word, HIS Word, my thoughts first went to Proverbs for instruction. I placed my child's name in the scripture. For example, in Proverbs 1:8 you can pray, "(child's name) let him or her hear the instruction of their father; and not forsake the law of their mother." In Proverbs 4:13 you can pray, "Lord, help my children to 'Take hold of instruction; let her not go; for she is their life.'" Make scripture personal when you pray over your kids!

After praying the Word over my children and my home every night, things began to fall into place. Sister Joy Haney's, *PRAY the Word*, became my best strength. God began leading and guiding us step by step. He was moving before, but my words are not HIS Words!! For example, I had prayed Hebrews 4:12 many times before, but this time I prayed that verse with tears pouring down my face. During this time, I realized that HIS Words are exactly what I need: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." This scripture incorporates it all, for the Word is what I need spiritually, physically, and mentally all the time. When I don't know what to pray, HIS Word is the answer.

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### From the Editor

Debbie Akers Robbins



God is doing mighty things!

God is opening many doors and this newsletter is now available in: English, Arabic, Chinese simplified, Chinese traditional, Czech, Dutch, Fijian, Filipino, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Pijin, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, Sri Lankan, Swahili, Swedish, and Thai.

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Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).