



Veritas in Prayer Unless the Lord Builds the House

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves. Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one’s youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.” Psalm 127:

Father, you are our master builder. You clearly reveal to us in Your Word the blueprint for building a healthy home with a spiritually healthy family residing within it. You are a craftsman who has given us the tools to raise mighty warriors for your kingdom. We are so grateful for your everlasting wisdom you impart to us through your word and for those you place within our paths to lead us and our children to our eternal home.

You tell us, “if we ask anything according to Your will, you will hear us.” 1 John 5:14. Hear our prayer today, Lord. We need you to go before us as we raise up the next generation you have entrusted to us. We are in awe of your amazing design of family. Through family, you perpetuate Your seed. It is a seed of faith that is passed down from generation to generation. Thank you for being a Savior that first welcomes us to your family through Jesus Christ. Secondly, thank you for the gift of children in whom we are honored to pass our faith to, whereby, they too may become part of an eternal family. Lord, we do not take this calling lightly.

Sadly, our family relationships are weakened by sin. Forgive us that often our relationships within the family unit do not properly reflect your design for family. We have allowed an enemy to divide us within our homes in our marriages, with our children, and with our extended families. Forgive us for the times we have not loved with a pure heart. Forgive us for neglecting our primary purpose, at times, as parents, to turn our children’s hearts toward You.

Lord, you have given us a holy example to follow in Jesus Christ. You demonstrate through the Trinity, a perfect order in which to build our homes. It begins with a chain of command, and we humbly recognize this. May we have proper perspective of this holy act of obedience to You as husbands, wives, and children. Jesus, You perfectly demonstrated Your submission to authority to Your Heavenly Father. May we reflect this Biblical order of submission well. May we have attitudes of the heart that choose to put others’ needs, desires, and position ahead of our own. (Eph. 5:21) We pray that our fathers at Veritas Academy honor their God-given role as spiritual leaders of their homes and that wives will submit to the husbands’ role as a command to honor the Lord. We pray for strong, healthy, spiritually mature marriages among our families at this school. May the strong bonds between our husbands, wives, and children build a fortress of strength to withstand opposition in this culture. If the enemy tries to penetrate the walls of the homes of Veritas families, we will stand strong because we are unified in purpose as a family unit. “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not easily broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12. May this be true of our families at Veritas. May the unit of husbands and wives be supernaturally strong. With our children faithfully disciplined, may we be strands of husbands, wives, and children who are strong cords of unity that will NOT be broken but beacons for Christ.

Father, thank you for order. Next to the holy union of marriage, You grant us the gift of children. We recognize this high calling, and we will take our roles as parents very seriously. We commit that we will impress a devotion to the Lord upon their hearts. It should be one of our greatest callings. We commit to do all we can through the gift of the Holy Spirit that we will help get our children safely home. May we never skew the order that you ordained at the foundation of the world, as Christ as our head and husbands, wives, and children in their proper placement within the family structure. May our children never be given authority over us as parents and may their activities never drive an unhealthy schedule or wedge between our mothers and fathers at this school. We declare that we will be different from a culture that is completely out of balance with children demanding too much control.

It is with gratitude that we offer ourselves as living sacrifices while we raise our children. We commit to honor you as our Superior in the proper chain of command. What a privilege it is that we GET to be husbands, wives, and children in families that are being built up for a holy purpose. We pray we do it well?

Reflect upon the chain of command in your home. Is it a strong cord of unity with a proper balance of power?