

Redeeming Manhood

P R A Y E R

Father, I come to You this day as a representative of all the men in my lineage by blood, marriage and adoption. Like Daniel, I confess my sins and iniquities as well as the sins and iniquities of my forefathers. I confess the generational hatred of women evident in our attitudes, words, and actions. I confess every act of violence against women in the home, in the fields, in the work place, and during times of war. Forgive and cleanse my bloodline from all the destructive sins of rage, violence, the purposeful torment, and the verbal, physical, and sexual abuse. Forgive me for dehumanizing and degrading children and women through molestation, rape, homosexuality, pornography, masturbation, adultery, and prostitution. We have made them objects of our sexual fantasies to satisfy our carnal lusts for domination and control. I ask forgiveness for myself and my bloodline for not being satisfied with the wife of our youth, pursuing strange men, women, and children to satisfy our lust for sexual perversion. We are guilty!

Forgive us for bringing a reproach on Your name by our neglect and abuse. Father, I acknowledge that we have walked in the ways of Adam. We have sinned against Your command to be fruitful and multiply. I confess that my ancestors destroyed their own seed and the seed of others through abortion and slaughter of the innocent. Forgive us for abandoning our wives and children through selfishness, neglect, abandonment, and divorce. Forgive us for the trauma and pain we have caused our wives and children whom we have been called to love and protect. In selfishness, we have considered children a burden interfering with our plans, our destiny. We cast their care upon our wives. Father, we are guilty. We have failed in our responsibility to teach them Your ways and to raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. We have taught our sons to walk in the ways of Adam and our daughters to reject their womanhood.

We have considered financial support to be enough. Hard toil has been our portion as we labor among the thorns to support their needs. We have resented our families because of the curse of Adam. Lord, free my bloodline from the curse of Adam and our deep resentment for the support of our family. We are guilty! Please remove the thorns and thistles from my life and give me joy in labor. Father, I forgive my bloodline for the consequences that I have suffered because of their action. I ask to be freed from the throne of iniquity that hates women.

Dependent upon earthly wisdom, we abdicated our spiritual responsibility and failed You and our families. You did not create my wife to be the spiritual head. I confess my resentment against my wife for taking spiritual authority in our home. Just as Adam failed to take dominion over the serpent in the garden, I have allowed the enemy free access to my family by not guarding those whom You have entrusted to my care. I have

relied upon my logic, worldly wisdom, and natural understandings. I have resisted the ways of the Spirit, which seem foolish to my natural mind.

Father, I nullify every inner vow made by my bloodline that causes me to refuse to listen to the voice of my wife. I confess that I withhold good from my wife and children. In pride, I walk in my own strength without the wise counsel of my helpmate. I acknowledge my need for my helpmate. Please forgive every excuse I have made that enables me to walk in stubborn, deceptive self-righteousness. Father, my ways are responsible for the bondages in my family. I ask Your forgiveness and the forgiveness of my wife and children.

Father, I confess that I have sinned by avoiding my responsibility to protect, to guard, and to keep my family secure. I have sacrificed them at the altar of my idol(s) of (*List the idols you serve: work, TV, sports, hobbies, running, golf, pals, drinking, drugs, fishing, biking, reading, computer, internet*). In the name of Jesus Christ, I tear down that idol(s) of _____ . Give me the grace to turn from my wicked ways.

Lord, I desire to be Your man and to experience the precious intimacy with You and my wife that Adam lost in the garden. I choose to take my God-given responsibility to tend my garden, to be fruitful and multiply, to subdue the earth, and have dominion over every living creature. I choose to be the spiritual head of my home, my wife, and my children. I choose to love my wife as my own body nurturing her, protecting her, and cherishing her, as Christ loved the church. I will not provoke my children to anger, but will rear them in the discipline and admonition of the Lord. Father, I lay down all my earthly wisdom and rely upon Your Word as the foundation of my life.

I can walk as a man of God in wisdom, authority, and strength. I can learn to be intimate with the Father, my wife, and my children. I choose to open my heart to receive them with overwhelming love, comfort, and grace.