

1. Pray for good laws and public policies.

The Bible explains that God's design for marriage is an exclusive and permanent relationship between one man and one woman. But this design is currently under attack. Pray for the implementation of laws and public policies that recognize the goods of marriage and strive to protect, reward, and incentivize it.

Key Passages:

Genesis 2:24 – "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

Hebrews 13:4 – "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous."

2. Pray for those with gender dysphoria or who are struggling with questions about their identity and sexuality.

Gender dysphoria is the condition of feeling that one's psychological identity as male or female conflicts with their biological sex, particularly when this feeling is acute and disorienting. Pray that those experiencing gender dysphoria or otherwise struggling with their sexuality would receive the help, counseling, and peace they need. Pray that Christians would show them compassion and love.

Key Passages:

Matthew 11:28-30 – "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

James 5:16 – "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

3. Pray for those regretting a gender transition or lifestyle choice.

Recently, there has been a push to increase access to gender transition surgery. However, many who have undergone these procedures end up regretting them. Pray that those regretting a gender transition or lifestyle choice would experience physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Pray that these individuals would be bold enough to share their stories. Pray that Christians would come alongside them on their journey to healing.

Key Passages:

Psalm 34:18 – "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

Jeremiah 17:14 – "Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise."

4. Pray for pastors and church leaders.

Pastors and church leaders have a responsibility to faithfully shepherd their congregation. Pray that pastors would teach courageously and compassionately about the beautiful blessing of our sexuality and the danger of going against God's design. Pray that congregations would be receptive to biblical truth.

Key Passages:

2 Timothy 4:1 – "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom."

Romans 1:16-17 – "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

5. Pray for parents.

Parents are called to discipline, teach, and train their children. Pray that mothers and fathers would visibly live out their faith and model healthy marriages for their children. Pray that parents would teach their children a proper understanding of human sexuality, its purposes and blessings. Pray that parents with children struggling with questions about sexuality would have wisdom, courage, and compassion as they seek to love their children and honor God.

Key Passages:

Deuteronomy 11:18-19 – "You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Titus 2:7 – "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity."

6. Pray for government leaders.

A massive shift in public opinion has occurred regarding same-sex marriage and homosexuality. Pray that Christians working in government would have the courage to stand for biblical principles concerning marriage and sexuality. Pray that government leaders would make wise decisions about laws and public policy relating to human sexuality.

Key Passages:

1 Timothy 2:1-2 – "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

Psalm 2:10-11 – "Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling."

7. Pray for medical professionals.

Medical professionals are supposed to seek the health and well-being of their patients. Pray that medical professionals would do what is best for their patients struggling with gender dysphoria and hold their ground against the pressure to perform gender "reassignment" surgeries. Pray that medical professionals' eyes would be open to the ethical and medical problems with gender reassignment surgery and hormone therapy for young children.

Key Passages:

Proverbs 25:26 – "Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked."

Isaiah 55:7 – "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

8. Pray for professors and teachers.

In many states and cities, activist legislators have mandated curriculums with LGBT talking points and sex education that conflicts with biblical sexual ethics. Pray that those working in education would be wise and discerning. Pray that Christian professors and teachers would not be required to teach a curriculum that contradicts their deeply held beliefs and advances a narrative contrary to God's Word.

Key Passages:

Deuteronomy 31:6 – "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

Matthew 10:16 – "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

9. Pray for strong marriages and families.

Unfortunately, God's design for marriage and human sexuality is often denied, suppressed, and disobeyed, which can result in a host of consequences such as divorce, adultery, cohabitation, single-parent families, polygamy, homosexual behavior, rejection of biological sex distinctions, sexually transmitted infections, sterility, pornography use, prostitution, sex trafficking, and more. Pray for those who have been hurt or misled by the sexual revolution. Pray that they would embrace the gospel and God's design for marriage and sexuality.

Key Passages:

Mark 10:9 – "What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 – "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor."

10. Pray for Christian witness

The sexual revolution has affected many inside the church as well as outside. Pray that Christians would live out biblical sexual ethics. Pray that pastors would have the courage to faithfully address issues of sexual sin as they arise within their congregations. Pray that Christians would speak the truth in love, maintaining a winsome witness that does not compromise biblical truth.

Key Passages:

John 17:17 - "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

Ephesians 4:15 – "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ."

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OUR MISSION

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