

# Minister's Wife's Blessing

## Repentance

On behalf of the wives of men who have preached here or in other churches you have attended or been acquainted with,

I repent before you and before God

- For not giving the church a chance, and wanting nothing to do with it.
- For not supporting my husband in ministry.
- For not valuing you for who you are, and instead only valuing what you do.
- For not caring about you as a person.
- For not supporting and encouraging you when you were hurting.
- For judging you.
- For judging your spouse.
- For judging your children.
- For judging your family and friends.
- For judging people in the community.
- For encouraging cliques, and ostracizing people.
- For using what I perceive to be truth as a weapon.
- For basing decisions on what I think people will think.
- For encouraging my husband to move on from here so we can have a better life.
- For gossiping and not keeping confidences.
- For not giving you the benefit of the doubt.
- For valuing doctrine over relationship.
- For being performance oriented.
- For building walls to keep you at a distance.
- For acting as though I am above you.
- For being bitter and resentful and unforgiving.
- For pretense and doing things just for show.
- For claiming that nothing is wrong, and denying that our relationship has been damaged.
- For teaching my children and yours to be judgmental tattle-tales.
- For being selfish and prideful and self-righteous and justifying my behavior, instead of admitting fault.
- For being vindictive and vengeful and retaliatory; rebellious and argumentative.
- For doing things to supposedly "keep-the-peace".
- For spreading lies about you and about others.
- For not being merciful, and for not standing up for the underdog.
- For being greedy, instead of generous.
- For refusing to make amends.
- For sewing seeds of division.
- For embracing false teaching and false religion.
- For believing and teaching that God and his truth are harsh instead of merciful and loving.
- For rejecting your overtures of friendship.

- For using fear, rather than love, as a motivator.
- For making false accusations.
- For seeking status and power.
- For being conniving and back-biting.
- For being controlling and manipulative and using guilt-trips and shame.
- For being a shrew.
- For making you feel awful and causing you to hate church and the people there.
- For ruining your friendships, your marriage prospects, and your employment prospects, and making you unwelcome in your own town.
- For presuming that because you have difficulties you are under God's judgment and wrath.
- For quenching the Holy Spirit and insisting I know better.
- For believing we have to work our way into the Kingdom of God, and modeling and imposing that belief on you.
- For embracing a stoic, unfeeling faith.
- For criticizing both you and others.
- For complaining instead of being thankful.
- For giving up on people. You. Your best friend. Your family members. Your spouse. Your children. Those to whom your heart goes out.
- For betraying you.

I renounce all these as sinful and ungodly, and I beseech Thee, O Lord God, to forgive me and my predecessors these many sins; not because of our righteousness, but for the sake of Your Holy Name. Forgive us and send healing for the wounds inflicted by sin. Heal all those afflicted, heal our relationships, heal our church, heal our land. Replace the curses with blessings, blessings ten-thousand-fold.

## Blessing

May God bless you with godly shepherds and elders and deacons and ministry leaders, who are gentle and kind and steadfast, who are not afraid to show their own weakness and vulnerability, and who lead by example.

May God bless you by sending His angels as His heavenly messengers and ministers for you personally, and with an increased awareness of their roles in your life, His church, and His Kingdom.

May the LORD free you from all guilt, shame, and condemnation. He is never disappointed in you.

May you hear the call of our great God, who says:

*I have called you back from the ends of the earth,  
saying, 'You are my servant.'*

*For I have chosen you,  
and will not throw you away.*

*Do not be afraid, for I am with you,  
Do not be discouraged, for I am your God.*

*I will strengthen you and help you.  
I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.*

[Isaiah 41:9-10 NLT]

May you, like Paul, be convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, no any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Romans 8:38-39 NIV]

May you be blessed with a growing relationship with the TRUTH who is Christ Jesus, and with an awareness that His truth is always in love, for he is gentle and humble in heart, and in Him we find true rest and peace as we give Him our burdens and He sets us free! [Based on Matthew 11:28-30.]

May you be blessed with courage to lay your burdens before the LORD.

May you be blessed with a growing awareness of God's truth -- Christ's presence and perspective -- in every situation.

May your trust in God increase continually.

May you be blessed with good, healthy friendships and relationships with family.

May you be blessed with a deep belief that God will provide for you in abundance, and His plans for you are good. As He says through Jeremiah (29:11 NIV): *For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

May you be blessed with a deep awareness of God's forgiveness for you, and with the ability to forgive and release your anger towards yourself, others, organizations, and God.

May your heart be filled with thanksgiving as you choose to focus on God's abundance and the reality of the Kingdom of God on earth, rather than on difficulties.

May God heal you of your traumas and deep wounds.

May God grant you a non-judgmental attitude toward others and yourself, including your inner child.

May the LORD give you HOPE and help you to believe that which seems too good to be true -- that God is really loving and kind and is especially fond of you -- is really true.

May you be blessed with an increased awareness of the special call God has on your life.

May you be blessed with increasing ability to hear God's voice through the special ways He speaks to you.

May God bless you with increasing ability to discern the origins of each of your thoughts, whether they be your own, ones God puts there, or the enemy's accusations and temptations.

May God bless you by increasing your ability and motivation to store God's word in your heart and have it penetrate deeper and deeper into your heart, thoughts, and actions.

May you be blessed to know God as the God who sees, the God who cares, the God who provides, and the God who rescues.

May God bless you by destroying the enemy's lies on your life, such as

- That you are worthless
- That you are hopeless
- That you are good-for-nothing
- That no one would ever like the true you if they knew you
- That you've done too much bad to be saved

And by replacing those lies with God's truths:

- That you are worth more than sparrows -- so much in fact that God was willing to suffer and die just for you.
- That you have true hope in the LORD
- That because you believe in Jesus, you are righteous in God's sight -- and that's better than good!
- That your true self is more beautiful than you can imagine
- That God is all-powerful and forgives all sin; you need only confess.

May you be blessed to work with the LORD as He reveals more and more of your beautiful, true self.

May God bless you with the ability to nurture your inner child by introducing him or her to Jesus and His love and healing.

May you be blessed to know deeply that God doesn't identify you by what you do. Rather, He identifies you as His beloved child, and simply wants you to remain in Him.

May God bless you by cleansing, renewing, and restoring your mind.

May God bless you by cleansing, renewing, and restoring your heart.

May God strengthen you with courage to allow even the deepest, darkest places in your heart to be exposed to God's light, which is always loving, kind, and gentle.

May you be blessed with a deep awareness of God's love for you. That He chose you from before the foundations of the world - before the beginning of time! That He knit you together in your mother's womb, and you are fearfully and wonderfully made. [Psalm 139:13] That He has a special name for you, and a special song He sings over you -- of His love, and of your true self, as He created you to be.

May God's love penetrate deeper and deeper and deeper into your heart.

May God grant you courage to continue pursuing healing and wholeness of your full self, body, soul and spirit, just as scripture says: *work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.* [Philippians 2:12b-13]

May you be blessed with a continual awareness of God's presence and work in your life.

May God grant you confidence *that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* [Philippians 1:6 NIV]

*May God bless you and utterly satisfy your heart...with Himself.* [Amy Carmichael, Irish missionary to India]

*May God give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. May the eyes of your heart ... be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.* [Ephesians 1:17-19a]

*May God strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And may you, being rooted and established in love,... Have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and ... Know this love that surpasses knowledge -- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.* [Ephesians 3:16-19]

May God grant you vision to grasp the reality of heaven, where countless angels gather around

God's throne with words of praise such as:

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!* [Revelation 5:11-14 NIV]

And likewise all the saints sing songs of praise such as the song of the Lamb:

*Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.*

*Just and true are your ways, King of nations.*

*Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?*

*For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.*

May the good LORD give you *confidence as you approach His throne of grace, so that you may receive mercy and find grace to help you in your time of need.* [Hebrews 4:16 NIV]

*May the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* [Romans 15:13 NIV]

May God bless you with unity in the church and in fellowship with other believers, no matter their denomination.

May God bless you by restoring what the locusts have stolen. [Joel 2:25]

May you be blessed as the child of God whom you are to receive the good things and the blessings that God has for you.

May God bless you with strength to endure what lies ahead, and joy in the journey.

May God comfort you in your sorrow.

May God bless you with the PEACE that surpasses all understanding [Philippians 4:7]