

Mother's Day

The Power of a Praying Mom

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A great Mom is a _____ woman.

1. **strong, resilient**
2. **patient, serene**
3. **nurturing, encouraging**
4. **self-sacrificing, unselfish**
5. **fun, happy**

¹ There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ² He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, **but Hannah had none.** 1 Samuel 1:1-2, NIV

¹ "Mortals, born of woman, are of few days and **full of trouble.**" Job 14:1, NIV

Life is full of _____ caused by circumstances, people, events, the devil, and our own self-sufficient _____.

¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah **prayed to the Lord**, weeping bitterly. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." 1 Samuel 1:10-11, NIV

Hannah's response to her trouble was to _____.

¹⁵ "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. ¹⁶ Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

¹⁷ Eli answered, "**Go in peace**, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

¹⁸ She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. 1 Samuel 1:15-18, NIV

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the **peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7, NIV

Prayer has immense power to deliver _____. It puts our trouble back into the hands of the one who _____ all.

"For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's; on them he has set the world. ⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. "**It is not by strength that one prevails.**" 1 Samuel 2:8b-9, NIV

The power of prayer is really the power of _____.

MEMORY VERSE

"It is not by strength that one prevails." 1 Samuel 2:9b, NIV

My next step: I will commit to abandoning ideas of self-sufficiency, and pray to my all-sufficient Lord and Savior.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.