

PORTRAIT OF A GODLY MOTHER

1 Samuel 1

Main Point: 4 godly characteristics that marked the life of godly Hannah ought to mark the life of every Christian mother.

INTRODUCTION [1-2]

A godly mother:

I. WORSHIPS GOD DESPITE CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES [3-8]

A godly mother:

II. RIGHTLY RESPONDS TO TRIALS BY TAKING THEM TO THE LORD IN PRAYER [9-20]

1. Submissive Prayer
2. Sacrificial Prayer
3. Sincere Prayer

A godly mother:

III. PERSONALLY CARES FOR HER CHILDREN [21-23]

A godly mother:

IV. PUTS THE LORD ABOVE ALL EARTHLY RELATIONSHIPS [24-28]

CONCLUSION

Take Home Truth:

“The Word—not the World—gives the true portrait of a godly mother!”



PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Hebrews 13:3

Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.

[New Living Translation]

This Week—Pray for INDONESIA

Leader: President Yudhoyono

Main Religion: Islam

Population: 230 million [16% Christians]

Government: Republic

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF CURRENT AFFAIRS

Despite having the largest Muslim population in the world, this is a secular republic. Islamists, however, continue to incite violence against Christians and use legal means to oppress the church. This resulted in the closure of several churches in 2009.

Despite its internationally acclaimed war on terrorism, the government has largely neglected the right of minority religious groups to exercise their faiths. In April a Christian teacher falsely accused of blasphemy was sentenced to a year in prison.

PRAY:

- ▶ For those involved in outreach to Muslims.
- ▶ For Open Doors training programs designed to help church leaders stand firm in the face of opposition.
- ▶ That the newly elected government would protect the religious rights of minority groups.



PRAY FOR BIBLE TRANSLATION WORK

Mark 16:15

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

[New American Standard Translation]

700 million people do not have the whole Bible in their own language and that 350 million people involving about 2000 languages are without even one verse of Scripture.

This Week—Pray for the New Testament in TYAP language.

TYAP is a language spoken in Nigeria by the KATAP people who number by about 130,000 people.

- ▶ **Pray** for God's provision for the biggest challenge—finding enough consulting help to complete the translation in 2012.
- ▶ **Pray** for the team as they make improvements to the translation.
- ▶ **Ask** God to help them see it with new eyes.
- ▶ **Pray** that the Scripture reviewers will spot any unclear or unnatural wording.