



**Global Vision:** *Every Christian Family to establish an Altar of Prayer*

Imagine focused prayer regularly going up to God from every Christian residence in a city. Prayer targeting everything these Christians are experiencing in their marriages and parenting. Prayer blanketing the souls in their neighborhood and those they are connected with across the city. Take a moment and think about what impact this kind of Christ-centered family could make in the lives of others in that territory.

**“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”**  
**Deuteronomy 6:6-9**

God’s instruction to Moses & the Israelites was for the parents to disciple their children in the wisdom of God from morning until night through every means available. Is it possible that God is calling the Body of Christ to return to this level of hands on discipleship in our marriages & families? Could it be that this level of intimacy in families would stem the tide of darkness that is sweeping the nations & restore God’s original intention for marriage & parenting?

### ○ **Practical Elements of a “Prayer Altar”**

*What do you mean by the term “prayer altar”?*

A prayer altar is a focused time for believers in virtually any setting to seek the face of God. You may establish a prayer altar in your home, in your school, in your workplace or beyond – the possibilities are endless.

*Here are a few common components to an effective prayer altar:*

- 1. Set a specific time and place**
- 2. Read the Word of God** (A family altar is an opportunity to come together and read the Word of God aloud and allow the truth of God to wash over each family member)
- 3. Fellowship around the Word of God** (Share what God’s Spirit spoke to you as you listened to His Word together. Note: Even young children can engage in this way.)
- 4. Season of Praise and Worship** (Spend time focusing on who God is through thanksgiving and worship. Speak out what was just revealed through the scriptures.)

**5. United, Consistent, Strategic, and Effective Prayer** (The goal of a family altar is to have more than a quick prayer at bedtime, but to bring targeted prayer requests to God as a family. In time, as you enter more deeply into a lifestyle of family prayer, more and more of your prayers will flow from the heart of God and have a powerful impact. Faith will be built to believe God for even greater things as you witness God at work in & through your family!)

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## **Testimonies from Family Altars**

*(Implemented in a single congregation / Timeframe: Approx. 6 months – 1 year)*

### ○ **Marriages Restored**

Marriages brought back from the brink of divorce. Couples testify that there is a depth of spiritual union that never existed prior to the development of a family prayer altar. One couple in England that started a prayer altar in their home (admittedly nominal in their faith at that time) has been so transformed in their individual and family life that doors have now opened for them to share their testimony in cities across the nation.

### ○ **Children & Youth Encountering God**

- Small children passionately worshipping God without being prompted by an adult
- Teenagers/young adults spontaneously having times of seeking God's Presence (outside of the official "altar time") One testifies, "I was so angry at my dad. I walked in and my siblings were praying and I just couldn't hold onto the hurt. I had to forgive."
- In a home where they were having just one night of family altar a week, their 18 year old son said, "Can we have two or three family altars a week, because I think we're just scratching the surface of what God can do here."

### ○ **Doors open to the unchurched**

Example: 9 year old reading his Bible caused his unchurched 9 year friend to start reading his Bible. The confused, family is eventually admonished by their 9 year old child, "We need to go to church!"

Doors open to establish prayer altars in workplaces, among the homeless, among university students etc...where the church previously had no ministry presence.

## **Conclusion:**

If this is what God is doing through a single congregation seeking to implement family prayer altars – How much more could be done if Christian families implemented this across a neighborhood, a city, or a nation?

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