



**THE FAMILY**  
**PRAYER**  
**ALTAR**

# 1. What is an Altar?

## A. A Place of Gathering Together

- To encounter God and connect with Him at a deeper and more intimate level
- To draw spiritual strength and supernatural power from God
- To receive knowledge, wisdom, discernment, guidance, direction, favour, blessing

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- To unify family members and strengthen family ties
- To pray and believe God for signs, wonders, and miracles: *healing, breakthrough, answers to problems and challenges, etc.*

## Psalm 34:17

The righteous cry out,  
and **the Lord hears them;**  
**he delivers them** from all their troubles.

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## B. A Place of Exhibiting Faith

- To worship God and exalt His Holy Name
- To teach and share the Word of God
- To trust God for the impossible
- To pray against demonic attacks, influence and ideologies

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## B. A Place of Exhibiting Faith

- To prophesy over the children and release them into their prophetic destinies
- To teach the ordinances of our faith and practice our spiritual beliefs: *speaking in tongues, partaking of Holy Communion, praying with anointing oil, etc.*

## Deuteronomy 11:18-21

**<sup>18</sup> Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>19</sup> Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>20</sup> Write them on the door-frames of your houses and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.**

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C. A Place of Practising Solitude, Surrender, Submission, and Sacrifice

*Mt 14:23; Mk 6:46; Mt 26:36*



## 2. Why is it important to have a Family Altar at home?

**We come together to:**

- a. Declare our absolute dependence on God (Pro 3:5-6)
- b. Overcome setbacks, discouragements and disappointments in life (Jn 16:33; Rom 8:37-39; 2 Cor 1:3-4)

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**We come together to:**

- c. Guard against enemy attacks (1 Pet 5:8-9a)
- d. Keep the fire of God burning in our heart and home (cf. Lev 6:12-13)

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**We come together to:**

- e. Remain fervent in Spirit, serving the Lord (Rom 12:11)
- f. Be faithful to the Lord to the end (Mt 24:13; Rev 2:10)

# 3. How to build/start a Family Prayer Altar?

## A. Be Serious and Intentional

Consecrate and dedicate  
a particular room or area in your home  
(*e.g., living room, study room, bedroom, dining area*)

### 3. How to build/start a Family Prayer Altar?

#### A. Be Serious and Intentional

*I have chosen and consecrated this temple  
so that my Name may be there forever.  
My eyes and my heart will always be there.  
(2 Chr 7:16)*

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## B. Be Consistent

Make it a top priority.

Make it a habit.

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## C. Be Creative

Get everyone involved! (1 Cor 14:26)

- One can lead in worship
- One read a short passage of Scripture
- One explains the passage read briefly
- One by one pray and all affirm and agree

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- One or two pray for needs and requests presented
- Everyone cheers and encourages each other
- Parents pray blessing or prophesy over the children.



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## C. Be Creative

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It should not be too long nor routine,  
dull and boring.

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#### **D. Be Sensitive to the Leading of the Holy Spirit**

**THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER.**

We are not just building a family altar.

We are also building the family.

## Joshua 24:14-16

14 “**Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness** (in truth and sincerity). Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped... 15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, (whether the gods of Egypt or the gods of the Amorites)... **But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.**”

## 1 Samuel 2: 30

**Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained** (despised, humbled, lightly esteemed, considered insignificant and unworthy, treated with contempt).

# CHALLENGE

1. Talk to your spouse and gather the family today or tonight.
2. Explain the purpose and necessity of the Family Prayer Altar
3. Decide to build your Family Prayer Altar

**Daddy** (the head and house priest), **please rise up and take the lead.**