<u>Prayer Topic #16</u>: A Prayer for the Women and Girls in Our Windsor Village Church Family

Scripture Reading:

I Samuel 2:1-10, Psalm 139:1-17

Reflections of the Heart:

Women and girls are God's woven tapestry. God loves women so much that He sent His Son to earth through one. Created in His image, women are the strength and beauty of a society, whether single or married, may our lives be a daily reflection of His Glory! God used a woman to bring Jesus Christ, our Savior, into the world and He continues to empower women to work in His Kingdom.

Scriptural Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for creating our us in Your image. Thank You for Your plans for good and not for disaster, to give us a future and a hope. We declare our thanks and devotion to You for Your goodness and loving kindness towards us. Thank You, Father, for blessing the women and girls in our Church Family. We will love You, Lord, our strength. You are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. You are our God, our strength in whom we will trust. You are our God and there is none other, we worship You in the beauty of Your holiness. You are the true and living God to whom all honor and glory belongs.

Almighty Father, You created women to be the mothers of humanity. Today, we declare that the women and girls of our Church Family will not copy the behavior and customs of this world, but they will be transformed by the Holy Spirit to do what is good and pleasing and perfect in Your sight. They will possess love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We declare that our wives will honor their husbands and submit themselves to You by loving their husbands. We confess that our women will excel in their academic and professional careers and they will devote themselves to serving You. We decree that our girls will love You, Lord, with all of their hearts, minds and strength and like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They will excel academically, socially and psychologically. Our girls will become great leaders, loving wives and excellent mothers.

Holy Spirit, we ask You to fill each woman and girl of God's Word in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Please order their days so that their daily activities are balanced and fruitful. Make the crooked places in their families straight and perfect those things that concern them. Please help our single and married women to live with all godliness and contentment, which is great gain. For those singles who desire a mate, help them to wait patiently on You. Knit the hearts of our married women closer together with their husbands and give them courage to live Your Word in every facet of their marriage. Holy Spirit, strengthen our mothers who have newborns and toddlers. Help them to be patient with their children during transition. Send help, if needed, and increase their support system. Holy Spirit, train our girls to be respectful, responsible, and resourceful. Help our girls to take care of their bodies and minds. Show our parents how to increase their daughter's logical skills, linguistic skills, intra-personal skills, interpersonal skills, spatial skills, kinesthetic skills, and musical skills.

Holy Spirit, show me how to be a blessing to a woman and girl in our Church Family:

Merciful Father, please forgive our women and girls for all of their sins. Please forgive our women and girls for not trusting You with their lives. Forgive them for quick tempers and lack of patience. Forgive those who are mothers for not raising their children according to Your Word. Forgive our mothers for allowing the television, radio, video games, music, older siblings and activities to raise their children. Forgive them for saying negative words against their children's father and for not providing a nurturing environment. Forgive our girls for being disrespectful and disobedient. Forgive our girls for succumbing to peer pressure. Forgive both married and single women for not seeking help when they are feeling anxious, depressed, fretful, angry and overwhelmed. Father, please forgive our women and girls for all of their sins. Father, forgive me for <u>(list any sins that you have committed</u>). Holy Spirit, help our women and girls to forgive family members, friends and loved ones who have hurt or offended them. Father, heal emotional wounds caused by these hurts. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring

to my remembrance those I need to forgive. (Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive <u>name of person(s)</u>." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Holy Spirit, help our women and girls to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Lord, blessed are You, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and power. All that is in heaven and in earth is Yours. Yours is the Kingdom, Lord, and You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 29:2, Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 18:1-2, Genesis 3:20, Romans 12:2, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 5:22, I Corinthians 7:32, Deuteronomy 6:5, Daniel 1:17, Colossians 1:9, Matthew 6:13, I Chronicles 29:10-12

Today, I will trust God to: