

Stand Firm: 7 of 7
 “With Prayer”
 Cornerstone Church of Poway
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➤ **I Can Stand Firm When I Am Persistent In Prayer**

Therefore, I Will Stand Firm By:

1. Praying With _____

"Pray, then, in this way: '**Our Father** who is in heaven, **Hallowed** be Your name.
Matthew 6:9 (NASB)

“Yours, O LORD, is the **greatness**, the **power**, the **glory**, the **victory**, and the **majesty**. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is **your kingdom**. We adore you as the one who is **over** all things. **Wealth** and **honor** come from you alone, for you **rule** over everything. **Power** and might are in your hand, and at your **discretion** people are made great and given strength. “O our God, we **thank** you and **praise** your glorious name!” **1 Chronicles 29:11-13 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

2. Praying With _____

“Your **kingdom** come. Your **will** be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”
Matthew 6:10 (NASB)

“I urge you, first of all, to pray for **all people**. Ask God to **help** them; intercede on their behalf, and give **thanks** for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in **authority** so that we can live **peaceful** and quiet lives marked by **godliness** and **dignity**. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants **everyone to be saved**

and to understand the truth. For there is only **one God** and **one Mediator** who can reconcile God and humanity—the man **Christ Jesus.**” **1 Timothy 2:1-5 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

3. Praying For _____

“Give us this day our **daily bread.**” **Matthew 6:11 (NASB)**

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

4. Praying For _____

“And **forgive us** our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”
Matthew 6:12 (NASB)

“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” **Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)**

“Be **kind** and **compassionate** to one another, **forgiving** each other, just as in Christ God **forgave you.**” **Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

5. Praying For _____

“And do not lead us into temptation, but **deliver us from evil.**” [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.] **Matthew 6:13 (NASB)**

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to **stand firm** against all strategies of the devil.”
Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT2) Remember Verse

Notes: _____

- Where do I need to be more persistent in my prayers?

To stand firm in prayer, I will choose to:

- [] Be more persistent in praying for _____
- [] Invite someone to Easter 9:30 or 11:00 am
- [] Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

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Icebreaker: What do you find yourself praying for most often?

Family Corner: [Choose one or two days this week to ask one question to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

1. Is our faith directed toward the future, toward the present, or toward both? Why?
2. Read Hebrews 11:24-28. What example do you learn from Moses?
3. Choose one area to stand firm in and share how it helps you.

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Stand Firm Summary:

1. Stand Firm with God’s truth and refuse to compromise to fit in.

“Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the **truth** that comes from Him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit **renew** your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.” **Ephesians 4:21-24 (NLT2)**

- How am I Seeking God’s Truth in my life?

2. Stand Firm with His righteousness that comes from our relationship with Jesus where He takes our sins and gives us His holiness.

“This **righteousness** from God comes through **faith in Jesus Christ** to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are **justified** freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” **Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)**

- Where do I need to devote myself more to God?

3. Stand Firm with readiness to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"I pray that you may be **active** in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." **Philemon 1:6 (NIV)**

- With whom is God asking me to share my faith?

4. Stand Firm with faith as I obey and trust in the character of God knowing that I am called to be faithful and faithfulness is my true success.

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that **He exists** and that **He rewards** those who earnestly seek Him." **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

- Where do I need to be faithful, regardless of results, while I wait on God?

5. Stand Firm with my salvation. In Christ my past is forgiven, my present is protected with His purpose and my future is secure for eternity.

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are **"Yes" in Christ**. And so through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is **God who makes** both us and you **stand firm** in Christ. He **anointed** us, set His seal of **ownership** on us, and put His **Spirit** in our hearts as a deposit, **guaranteeing** what is to come." **2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (NIV)**

- What thoughts do I need to take captive to my new identity in Jesus?

6. Stand Firm with the Word of God by studying it in context, refusing to water it down and applying God's Word to my everyday life. In doing this I will become a blessing to my family, church and community.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into **practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its **foundation** on the rock." **Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)**

- What is my routine in studying God's Word?

7. Stand Firm with prayer by persistently praying for God's kingdom and purpose above my own.

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Prayer Requests: _____