

# Daily Prayer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Today's prayer is based on I Timothy 5.3-7, ESV.

*Honor widows who are truly widows.*

Lord, help me pray your will here.  
Help me discern who are *truly* widows,  
and then help me honor them appropriately.

*But if a widow has children or grandchildren,*

It is a gift from you that many have children -  
we are not alone upon the death of a spouse.  
Thanks be to you, Lord.

*let them first learn to show godliness to their own household*

Lord, this goes all the way back to *Honor you father and mother,*  
help me as I honor the memory of my parents -  
and help me live in such a way  
that my children will consider it easy to honor me.

*and to make some return to their parents,*

Thank you, O Father, for family,  
that my identity and security are in my family.  
Lord, make my life continue to be a credit to my parents,  
and help me impart the same sense to my children.

*for this is pleasing in the sight of God.*

Help me please you in the way I care for my family.

*She who is truly a widow, left all alone,*

*has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day,*  
And when I am alone, without spouse or offspring - Lord, spare me -  
let me find my heart to be as set on you as in the days of my fullness.

*but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.*

Keep me from self-indulgence at any stage of my life,  
especially at the end.  
Help me truly live as if I understand  
that life is much, much bigger than my little concerns.

*Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach.*

Lord, help me point others to your way in this,  
for Jesus and His kingdom's sake. Amen.

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