## **Praying as families** Day 15 **for those oppressed by digital addictions.**

In the age of digital revolution, we have witnessed a significant shift from the real world to a virtual world. The internet, computers, and smartphones have become integral parts of our lives, serving various purposes and contributing to the advancement of God's Kingdom. However, alongside these advancements, the enemy has exploited these technologies to oppress people with new addictions, particularly digital addiction.

The virtual world, created through social media platforms and various online tools, has begun to replace genuine human connections. People, both young and old, find themselves entangled in digital addiction, experiencing a loss of peace, joy, and, in some cases, falling into depression when separated from their devices.

The same technologies designed to build God's Kingdom are now being misused to destroy lives. Digital addiction, fueled by secret apps, inappropriate content, and destructive online behaviors, is leading individuals away from God's intended purpose for their lives. Is there a biblical answer to these new addictions? There should be a theology of technology. As children of God we can have no other 'gods', that can take the place of the one and only true God for whose purpose we have been created. It has become a form of idolatry, where these digital platforms replace God as the primary focus of one's attention.

As believers, we need to approach these challenges with a biblical perspective and uphold the principles of God's Word in our use of technology. We must recognize the signs of idolatry and address them with the same principles that guide our lives in other areas. It is crucial to intercede for ministries



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working to help digital addicts and for those developing protective software to shield our children from harmful influences.

Let's join in prayer for families experiencing pain and loss due to digital addiction. Pray for deliverance, repentance, and a turning away from destructive online behaviors and plead for His power to help individuals say no to ungodliness.

## LET US PRAY

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of technology and the opportunities it provides to enhance our relationship with you. We acknowledge the destructive influence of the enemy using digital platforms to spread vices that divert people from your purposes. We lift up those struggling with digital addiction, asking for deliverance and repentance. May those planning evil through digital content turn to you and use these mediums to spread your message. Bless ministries working to redeem families affected by digital addiction and empower individuals to say no to ungodliness. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.





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