THE QUESTION

How should a woman stand when she prays?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

Early writers give women no separate way to stand: they stood to pray with the whole church, reverently and quietly. Women were to come modestly dressed and, these writers taught, with the head covered, with holy hands and a heart fixed on God. Kneeling was also used at certain times.

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The whole church stood to pray with reverence

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

An old liturgy calls the people to stand properly, reverently and in the fear of God before they pray. Tertullian says it is irreverent to sit down in the presence of the living God while the angel of prayer is still standing there. Both speak to everyone present, not to women alone.

1

> "Let us stand properly. Let us stand reverently. Let us stand in the fear of God and with sorrow in our hearts. In peace, let us pray to the Lord."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 9, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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> "If it is irreverent to sit in the sight and presence of someone whom you especially revere and honor, how much more is that action thoroughly irreligious in the sight of the living God, while the angel of prayer is still standing there, unless we are reproaching God by saying that prayer has tired us out!"

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Prayer* 16 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 7, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Women came modestly dressed and veiled for prayer

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Clement of Alexandria gives women and men the same standard for church: proper dress, a natural walk, silence, love and a pure heart, ready to pray. He adds that a woman should be fully covered outside her home, since it is fitting for her to pray veiled. Tertullian reports that the church at Corinth still veiled its unmarried young women in his day.

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3 “Women and men are to go to church dressed properly, walking naturally, embracing silence, showing sincere love, pure in body and pure in heart, and ready to pray to God. Let the woman observe this also. Let her be completely covered, unless she happens to be at home. For this way of dress is dignified and protects her from being stared at. And she will never fall if she keeps modesty and her shawl before her eyes. Nor will she lead another person to fall into sin by uncovering her face. For this is the wish of the Word, since it is fitting for her to pray veiled.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 3.11 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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4 “So too the Corinthians themselves understood him. In fact, even to this day the Corinthians veil their virgins. What the apostles taught, their disciples approve.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On the Veiling of Virgins* 8 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 8, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Standing to pray needs a watchful heart

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Cyprian takes it for granted that believers stand to pray. He says the body's posture must be matched by a heart that is watchful and fully focused, with every fleshly and worldly thought set aside.

5 “Moreover, when we stand praying, beloved brothers, we ought to be watchful and earnest with our whole heart, fully focused on our prayers. Let all fleshly and worldly thoughts pass away, and at that time let the soul think of nothing except the very thing it is praying for.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 13, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Believers prayed facing east, lifting their hands

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Clement of Alexandria says prayers were offered looking toward the sunrise in the east, and he quotes the psalm about lifting up the hands like the evening sacrifice. Cyprian, writing to people who bowed to idols, says God made humans upright, with faces lifted toward heaven, and urges them to lift their

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eyes there.

6 “In keeping with the way the sun rises, prayers are offered while looking toward the sunrise in the east. For this reason, the most ancient temples also faced toward the west, so that people might be taught to turn to the east when facing the images. The Psalms say, "Let my prayer be directed before You like incense, and the lifting up of my hands like the evening sacrifice."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 7.7 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 2, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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7 “God made you upright. While other animals look downward, and their posture bends toward the earth, yours is an exalted posture. Your face is lifted upward to heaven and to God. Look there. Lift your eyes that way. Seek God in the highest, so that you may be free from the things below.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 10, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Women too lift holy hands, free of anger

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John Chrysostom, a later fourth-century preacher, reads Paul's words in 1 Timothy 2 as applying to women as well as men: they should approach God lifting up holy hands, without anger or doubt, and dress modestly. Holy hands, he says, are pure because they are free from greed and violence, not because they are washed.

8 “In like manner he says, “I will that women approach God without wrath and doubting, lifting up holy hands,” that they should not follow their own desires, nor be covetous or rapacious. For what if a woman does not rob or steal herself, but does it through her husband? Paul, however, requires something more of women: that they adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety.”

later in the same passage

“Pray everywhere, but everywhere lift up holy hands. That is the thing required. And what is holy? Pure. And what is pure? Not washed with water, but free from covetousness, murder, rapacity, and violence, without wrath and doubting.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on First Timothy* (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 19, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Standing was not the only posture for prayer

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Tertullian says his church avoided kneeling on the day of the Lord's Resurrection, but at fasts and Stations every prayer was made kneeling, as a sign of humility. Chrysostom later urges both men and women to bend the knee and pray in the night. So standing was not required at every prayer.

9 “We, however, just as we have received, should avoid kneeling—and every posture and duty of anxious care—only on the day of the Lord's Resurrection.”

later in the same passage

“Moreover, at fasts and Stations, no prayer should be made without kneeling, and the other customary signs of humility. For then we are not only praying, but also pleading, and making satisfaction to God our Lord.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Prayer* 23 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 6, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**

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10 “Here indeed my discourse is for both men and women. Bend your knees, send out groans, and beg your Master to be merciful. He is more moved by prayers in the night, when you make the time for rest a time for mourning.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Acts* (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 20, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**

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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages give no special rule for how a woman places her feet, hands or eyes while standing.
- Tertullian's argument shows that in his day not everyone agreed about which women should be covered.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 20 early Christian passages and 108 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–20, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 21–110, in Bible order), then 18 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *20 passages from 7 writers*

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 1–3*

1 *Instructor* 3.11 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 3** "and man are to go to church decently attired, with natural step, embracing silence, possessing unfeigned love, pure in body, pure in heart, fit to pray to God… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Stromata* 7.7 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** "my prayer be directed before You as incense, the uplifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice, say the Psalms… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Instructor* 2.7 (1885 English; on point 2) "if any necessity arises, commanding the presence of married women, let them be well clothed — without by raiment, within by modesty… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 4–8*

4 *On Prayer* 22 (on point 2) "you be more modest in public than in the church… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *On the Veiling of Virgins* 17 (on point 2) going neither covered nor bare. For some, with their turbans and woolen bands, do not veil their head, but bind it up. They are protected in front, indeed, but bare… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *On Prayer* 23 **Quote 9, page 5** "the matter of kneeling also, prayer is subject… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *On Prayer* 16 **Quote 2, page 2** "If it is irreverent to sit in the sight and presence of someone whom you especially revere and honor, how much more is that action thoroughly irreligious in the sight of the living God, while the angel of prayer is still standing there, unless we are reproaching God by saying that prayer has tired us out!" **read ›**

8 *On the Veiling of Virgins* 8 **Quote 4, page 3** "So too the Corinthians themselves understood him. In fact, even to this day the Corinthians veil their virgins. What the apostles taught, their disciples approve." **read ›**

Early Liturgies, *c. 200–400 AD · source 9*

9 *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** "Let us stand well, let us stand reverently, let us stand in the fear of God, and with compunction of heart… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 10–13*

10 *Treatises* **Quote 7, page 4** "and things made from earth? God made you upright. While other animals look downward, and their posture bends toward the earth, yours is an exalted posture. Your face is lifted… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Treatises* (on point 2) "riches. In his own words, he sets a proper limit for your clothing and ornaments. He said, "Let women adorn themselves with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 4) "12:6 And again in the Psalms, Let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice… [continues online] **read ›**

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13 *Treatises* **Quote 5, page 3** "Moreover, when we stand praying, beloved brothers, we ought to be watchful and earnest with our whole heart, fully focused on our prayers. Let all fleshly and worldly thoughts pass away, and at that time let the soul think of nothing except the very thing it is praying for." **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 14–17*

14 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 1) "this let the sacrifice follow, the people standing and praying silently… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 1) with the holy kiss." And let the clergy greet the bishop, the laymen greet the men, and the women greet the women. And let the children stand at the reading… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Apostolic Constitutions* do not allow our women to teach in the church, 1 Corinthians 14:34, but only to pray and to hear those who teach. For our Master and Lord, Jesus… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 2) "wives, therefore, demonstrate your piety by your modesty and meekness to all without the Church, whether they be women or men, in order to their conversion and improvement in the… [continues online] **read ›**

Arnobius, *c. 290–330 AD · source 18*

18 *Against the Heathen* 1 (1885 English; on point 6) "Him we all prostrate ourselves, according to our custom… [continues online] **read ›**

John Chrysostom, *c. 386–407 AD · sources 19–20*

19 *Homilies on First Timothy* **Quote 8, page 4** "In like manner he says, "I will that women approach God without wrath and doubting, lifting up holy hands," that they should not follow their own desires, nor be covetous or rapacious. For what if a woman does not rob or steal herself, but does it through her husband? Paul, however, requires something more of women: that they adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety." **read ›**

20 *Homilies on Acts* **Quote 10, page 5** "Here indeed my discourse is for both men and women. Bend your knees, send out groans, and beg your Master to be merciful. He is more moved by prayers in the night, when you make the time for rest a time for mourning." **read ›**

THE BIBLE *90 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

21 **Genesis 31:35** And she said to her father, "Do not be displeased, my lord; I cannot rise before you, for the way of women is upon me." So Laban searched the whole house and did not find the idols. **read ›**

22 **Numbers 5:18** And the priest shall set the woman before the Lord, and uncover the woman's head, and put into her hands the sacrifice of memorial, the sacrifice of jealousy; and in the priest's hand shall be this water of proof that brings the curse. **read ›**

23 **1 Samuel 1:12** As she went on praying before the Lord, Eli the priest watched her mouth. **read ›**

24 **1 Samuel 1:16** Do not count your slave a troublemaking daughter; for out of the abundance of my complaint I have kept on until now." **read ›**

25 **1 Samuel 1:26** and she said, "Please, my lord, as your soul lives, I am the woman who stood here before you, with you, while praying to the Lord. **read ›**

26 **1 Samuel 25:41** And she arose and bowed with her face to the ground, and said, "Behold, your slave is a maidservant to wash the feet of your servants." **read ›**

27 **1 Kings 8:22** Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and he spread out his hands toward heaven **read ›**

28 **1 Kings 8:38** every prayer, every plea, whatever comes from any man, as each one knows the plague of his own heart, and he spreads out his hands toward this house, **read ›**

29 **1 Kings 8:42** when they come and pray toward this place, **read ›**

30 **1 Kings 8:54** When Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and plea to the Lord, he rose up from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees, with his hands spread out toward heaven. **read ›**

31 **1 Kings 10:8** Blessed are your wives; blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually, who hear all your understanding. **read ›**

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32 **2 Kings 4:37** And the woman went in and fell at his feet and bowed down to the ground; and she took her son and went out. **read ›**

33 **1 Chronicles 23:30** and to stand in the morning to praise and give thanks to the Lord, and so in the evening; **read ›**

34 **2 Chronicles 6:12** Then he stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. **read ›**

35 **2 Chronicles 6:13** For Solomon had made a bronze platform and set it in the middle of the court of the temple, five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high; and he stood on it, and knelt down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven, **read ›**

36 **2 Chronicles 20:13** And all Judah was standing before the Lord, with their children and their wives. **read ›**

37 **2 Chronicles 20:18** Then Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all Judah and those who dwell in Jerusalem fell down before the Lord to worship the Lord. **read ›**

38 **Job 9:1** Then Job answered and said: **read ›**

39 **Job 12:6** all who provoke the Lord, as though there will be no examination of them. **read ›**

40 **Job 16:8** It has become a witness, and my falsehood has risen up in me; it has answered against me to my face. **read ›**

41 **Psalms 12:8** The ungodly walk all around; according to your loftiness you have greatly cared for the sons of men. (Septuagint Psalm 11:9 (Psalm 12:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

42 **Psalms 28:2** Hear the voice of my plea when I pray to you, when I lift up my hands toward your holy temple. (Septuagint Psalm 27:2 (Psalm 28:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

43 **Psalms 63:4** So I will bless you in my life; in your name I will lift up my hands. (Septuagint Psalm 62:5 (Psalm 63:4 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

44 **Psalms 134:2** By night lift up your hands toward the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. (Septuagint Psalm 133:2 (Psalm 134:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

45 **Psalms 141:2** Let my prayer be set forth before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice. (Septuagint Psalm 140:2 (Psalm 141:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

46 **Proverbs 31:20** And she has opened her hands to the needy, and stretched out fruit to the poor. **read ›**

47 **Ecclesiastes 3:19** And indeed to them belongs the event of the sons of man and the event of the beast; one event is theirs. As the death of the one, so also the death of the other; and there is one breath for all. And what advantage has the man over the beast? None; for all is vanity. **read ›**

48 **Ecclesiastes 3:20** All go to one place; all came from the dust, and all will return to the dust. **read ›**

49 **Song of Solomon 2:1** I am a flower of the plain, a lily of the valleys. **read ›**

50 **Isaiah 1:15** When you stretch out your hands, I will turn my eyes away from you; and if you multiply your pleas, I will not listen to you; for your hands are full of blood. **read ›**

51 **Isaiah 16:14** And now I say: in three years, years of a hired worker, the glory of Moab will be dishonored with all his great wealth, and he will be left few in number, and without honor. **read ›**

52 **Jeremiah 25:12** And when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish that nation, and I will make them an everlasting desolation; **read ›**

53 **Jeremiah 27:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

54 **Lamentations 3:41** Let us lift up our hearts with our hands to him who is on high in heaven. **read ›**

55 **Ezekiel 8:5** And he said to me, “Son of man, lift up your eyes toward the north.” And I lifted up my eyes toward the north, and behold, from the north toward the gate facing east. **read ›**

56 **Ezekiel 11:13** While I was prophesying, Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. And I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice and said, “Alas, alas, O Lord! Are you making a full end of the remnant of Israel?” **read ›**

57 **Daniel 4:9** “Belteshazzar, chief of the enchanters, I know that the Holy Spirit of God is in you, and no mystery is too hard for you: hear the vision of the dream that I saw, and tell me its interpretation. **read ›**

58 **Daniel 6:10** And when Daniel knew that the decree had been ordered, he went into his house; and his windows were open in his upper rooms toward Jerusalem, and three times a day he knelt on his knees and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done before. (Septuagint Daniel 6:11 (Daniel 6:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

59 **Daniel 10:10** And behold, a hand touched me and raised me up on my knees. **read ›**

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60 **1 Esdras 8:73** Then I rose from my fast, with my garments and my holy robe torn, and bending my knees and stretching out my hands to the Lord, **read ›**

61 **1 Esdras 9:47** All the multitude answered, “Amen”; and lifting up their hands they fell to the ground and worshiped the Lord. **read ›**

62 **Tobit 3:11** And she prayed at the window and said, “Blessed are you, O Lord my God, and blessed is your holy and honored name forever; may all your works bless you forever. **read ›**

63 **Tobit 12:8** Prayer is good with fasting and alms and righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than much with unrighteousness. It is better to give alms than to lay up gold. **read ›**

64 **Judith 8:31** And now pray for us, for you are a godly woman, and the Lord will send rain to fill our cisterns, and we shall faint no more.” **read ›**

65 **Judith 9:1** Then Judith fell on her face, put ashes on her head, and uncovered the sackcloth she was wearing. At that very time the incense of that evening was being offered in Jerusalem in the house of God; and Judith cried out to the Lord with a loud voice and said, **read ›**

66 **Judith 12:6** and sent to Holofernes, saying, “Let my lord now command that your slave be allowed to go out to pray.” **read ›**

67 **Judith 16:8** For she put off the garment of her widowhood for the exaltation of those who suffered in Israel; she anointed her face with perfume and bound her hair with a headband, and she took a linen garment to deceive him. **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Solomon 13:17** But when he prays about his possessions and his marriage and his children, he is not ashamed to speak to a lifeless thing. **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:23** Before you pray, prepare yourself, and do not be like a man who tests the Lord. **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:9** The sexual immorality of a woman is known in the raising of her eyes, and by her eyelids. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Sirach 33:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 38:10** Put away trespass, and direct your hands rightly, and cleanse your heart from all sin. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 50:20** Then he came down and lifted up his hands over the whole assembly of the children of Israel, to give blessing to the Lord with his lips, and to glory in his name. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 51:9** And I lifted up my plea on the earth, and prayed for deliverance from death. **read ›**

75 **Susanna 1:34** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

76 **Susanna 1:35** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

77 **2 Maccabees 3:19** Women, with sackcloth tied under their breasts, crowded the streets; and the virgins who were kept indoors ran together, some to the gates and some to the walls, while some looked out through the windows. **read ›**

78 **2 Maccabees 3:20** And all of them, stretching out their hands toward heaven, made their plea. **read ›**

79 **2 Maccabees 10:26** and fell down on the step in front of the altar, and begged him to be gracious to them and to be an enemy to their enemies and an adversary to their adversaries, as the Law declares. **read ›**

80 **3 Maccabees 1:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

81 **3 Maccabees 2:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

82 **3 Maccabees 5:25** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

83 **4 Maccabees 4:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

84 **4 Maccabees 15:17** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

85 **4 Maccabees 16:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

86 **1 Enoch 99:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

87 **Matthew 6:5** When you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. **read ›**

88 **Luke 1:10** The whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. **read ›**

89 **Acts 3:16** By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith which is through Jesus has given this man perfect soundness before you all. **read ›**

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90 **Acts 3:17** Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your rulers. **read ›**
91 **Acts 9:14** Here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” **read ›**
92 **Acts 20:36** When he had spoken these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. **read ›**
93 **Romans 9:16** So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who has mercy. **read ›**
94 **Romans 9:19** You will say then to me, “Why does he still find fault? For who withstands his will?” **read ›**
95 **1 Corinthians 11:3** But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. **read ›**
96 **1 Corinthians 11:4** Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. **read ›**
97 **1 Corinthians 11:5** But every woman praying or prophesying with her head uncovered dishonors her head. For it is one and the same thing as if she were shaved. **read ›**
98 **1 Corinthians 11:6** For if a woman is not covered, let her hair also be cut off. But if it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut off or be shaved, let her be covered. **read ›**
99 **1 Corinthians 11:7** For a man indeed ought not to have his head covered, because he is the image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of the man. **read ›**
100 **1 Corinthians 11:10** For this reason the woman ought to have authority on her head, because of the angels. **read ›**
101 **1 Corinthians 11:13** Judge for yourselves: is it fitting for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? **read ›**
102 **1 Corinthians 11:15** But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her, because her hair is given as a covering. **read ›**
103 **1 Corinthians 14:34** Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak, but to be in submission, as the law also says. **read ›**
104 **1 Corinthians 14:35** And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church. **read ›**
105 **2 Corinthians 2:10** Now I also forgive anyone to whom you forgive anything. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, **read ›**
106 **1 Timothy 2:8** Therefore I desire that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands without anger and dispute. **read ›**
107 **1 Timothy 2:9** Likewise, I desire that women adorn themselves in orderly clothing, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothing, **read ›**
108 **1 Timothy 2:10** but with good works, which is appropriate for women professing godliness. **read ›**
109 **1 Timothy 5:5** Now she who is truly a widow and left alone has set her hope on God and continues in pleas and prayers night and day. **read ›**
110 **Revelation 8:3** Another angel came and stood over the altar, having a golden censer. Much incense was given to him, that he should add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. **read ›**

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