



## Praying For Revival in Your Marriage and Family

Marriages and families are struggling to survive today. Satan is throwing an all-out offensive against these institutions. The world is attempting to lessen the sanctity and the importance of these institutions. A lack of commitment is wreaking havoc in marriages and families.

In the midst of all this, the church must stand for marriage and the family. The primary way to do this is through intercession. We must pray for the marriages and families that make up the church.

The following is a simple pattern for praying for the families in your church. It is based on the acrostic F.A.M.I.L.Y. This pattern provides a powerful way to intercede for the families in your church. You can use this pattern to plead for revival in your own marriage and family. I plead with you to pray for the marriages and families in your church. Through prayer, strong and godly marriages and families can be a living reality. Instead of complaining and lamenting about the breakup of marriages and families, we should be praying and pleading with God for them.

Faithful to hear and obey the Word of God (James 1:21-25; John 14:23). Pray that the Word of God will be the foundation on which this family builds. Ask God to give each one a hunger for the Word of God. Pray that they will put into practice what God commands in His Word.

Active in serving Christ and His church (Hebrews 10:25; Mark 8:34-38). Plead with God to create in this family a longing to follow Jesus and to serve in His church. Pray that each family member would know Christ and would faithfully serve Him.

Maintain their prayer lives (Luke 18:1; Colossians 4:2). Pray that each member would have a heart for prayer. Ask God to create in each family member a longing to spend time with Him. Ask God to release a spirit of prayer in the family. Pray that the family would establish a family altar.

Introduce others to Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8). Pray that the family would be witnesses for Christ both with their lives and their lips. Ask God to give the family boldness in standing for Jesus Christ. Plead with Him to remove anything that would hinder them from being powerful witnesses.

Love as God loves (1 John 4:7,11; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8). Pray that this family will love each other with deep and unconditional love. Ask God to remove anything that might hinder them from loving each other.

Yield themselves to God's protection (John 8:44; Ephesians 6:10-20). Pray that this family will confess and repent of sin. Ask God to enable them to cut off any avenue that Satan might use to attack them. Call on Him to convict them of the necessity of the armor of God. Plead that He would protect them from the attacks of the enemy.