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## PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY

The first institution that God created was the family. In His infinite wisdom, God established the family for His purpose and for our good. He determined to make it a key priority in the accomplishment of His will for His church and His people.

God is the only one who can build a "home" – a family that experiences His blessings and protection, Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain to build it" (**Psalm 127:1**). God created the family and it is only by acknowledging Him and following His will that people can experience what God intends the family to be. This is why believers must pray for their families. Believers and churches must cry out to God in behalf of their families.



At the same time, in our day, the family is under a massive attack of the enemy. A variety of forces have combined to wreak havoc on marriage and families. The primary defense to this attack is fervent intercession. Prayer in the church and in the home is crucial for the defense of the family. It is only as we seek God for our families that we can expect the protection and blessing of God on our families.

The following are Scripture prayers that you can use to pray for your family. These prayers are based on the Word of God; you can plead them with confidence and expectation. You can use these or develop your own from them.

My main goal is to challenge you to fervent prayer for your family. I also want to encourage families to pray for each other. We must be willing to stand in the gap for each other. It is time that we lay hold of God and plead for His blessing and protection over our families. Your church can also use this prayer guide to pray for the families who make up your church. This is crucial because your church will only be as strong as the families that make up your church.

### Scripture Prayers For Your Family

Father, I plead that each member of this family will repent of sin and trust solely in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (**Acts 26:20**).

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that each member of this family will thirst for You and Your will (**Psalm 42:1-2**).

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O God, I pray that each member of this family will love and delight in Your Word (**Psalms 119:97**).

O Lord our Healer, unleash Your healing power into the midst of this family; protect this family from disease and death (**Exodus 15:26**).

My God, the Healer of the brokenhearted, release emotional healing into this family; I plead that You would deal with the emotional wounds that plague this family (**Psalms 147:3**).

Father, I ask that this family would hate sin; stir us to repent and pursue the holiness that You desire and demand (**Proverbs 28:13**).

Father, I plead that this family would not love the world or the things of it; teach us to love You with all of our beings (**1 John 2:15-16**).

Righteous Father, protect this family from all the schemes of the enemy; I ask that You would destroy all the weapons and works that Satan has planned against this family (**2 Corinthians 2:11**).

God, You are the all-sufficient God; I ask in Jesus' name that You will meet every need of this family. Supply all of the physical, emotional, financial needs of this family (**Philippians 4:19**).

Father, I ask that this family would reach out and meet the needs of others (**1 John 3:17**).

Father, I plead in the name of Jesus that You would grant this family Your strength; I ask that Your peace would fill our lives (**Psalms 29:11**).

Father, release Your grace and power into our lives for every test and temptation that we face (**1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 12:9**).

Father, I plead that this family would be faithful and active in the church; I pray that we would serve and bless others in the body of Jesus (**Hebrews 10:25**).

Mighty God, enable this family to walk by faith and not by sight (**2 Corinthians 5:7**).

Loving Father, empower this family to be salt and light in this world; I pray that we would exercise a powerful and righteous influence through our example, our words, and our actions (**Matthew 5:13-16**).

Father, unleash a spirit of prayer into our family; I ask that we would seek You with faith and persistence (**Luke 18:1**).

Father, I ask in Jesus' name that each member of this family would be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving (**Ephesians 4:32**).

Father, enable us to bear each other's burdens; forgive us for failing to care for and help each other as we ought (**Galatians 6:2**).

Father, I ask that we forsake pride and seek to minister to each other on a daily basis (**Matthew 20:28**).

Father, I plead in Jesus' name that we would deal with disagreements quickly and wisely; I pray that we would not give any room for devil to work in our family because of unresolved conflict and negative, sinful emotions (**Ephesians 4:26-27**).

Father, help us to be patient with one another; I plead that we would turn the other cheek when offended. Enable us to respond with Christlike love (**Matthew 5:38-42**).

Father, I pray that we would speak the truth to one another in love; grant us the humility to receive it and respond to it (**Ephesians 4:25**).

Father, I ask in Jesus' name that this family would repent and forsake everything that is not pleasing in Your sight. I pray that we would deal with everything in our family that is sinful. Give us a heart for holiness (**Genesis 35:1-4**).

Father, I plead that this family would be filled with the Holy Spirit. I ask that we would walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh (**Ephesians 5:18**).

Father, I pray that You would guide this family in the path of righteousness for Your name's sake (**Psalm 23:3**).

Father, I ask in Jesus' name that this family would be characterized by genuine, unconditional, and unceasing love (**1 John 4:11**).

## Praying For A Teenager



A teenager's life must be covered with prayer. During these turbulent years of change and adjustment, it is crucial to intercede fervently. The following is a prayer guide that you can use to intercede for your teenager or those that you know.

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will fear You; create a deep sense of reverence in \_\_\_\_\_ (**Proverbs 9:10**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will walk in humility willing to submit to You and others (**James 4:10**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will desire sexual purity with all his/her heart (**1 Thessalonians 4:3**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will love Your Word and will seek to apply it to his/her life (**Psalm 119:97**).

Father, I pray that You would grant \_\_\_\_\_ a repentant heart that is willing to change (**Luke 3:8**).

Father, create a meek heart in \_\_\_\_\_; grant him/her a teachable spirit (**Titus 3:2**).

Father, unleash a spirit of prayer in \_\_\_\_\_'s life; teach him/her how to pray fervently (**Colossians 4:2**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ would have a fearless reliance on You and Your Word (**Psalm 125:1**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would have a generous heart, willing to give and sacrifice for others (**2 Corinthians 9:7**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would deny self, take up the cross daily, and follow Jesus (**Luke 9:23**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will be available to You, willing to do whatever You will (**Isaiah 6:8**).

Father, transform \_\_\_\_\_ into a diligent, humble servant (**Matthew 20:28**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would set goals and establish his/her priorities according to Your will (**Proverbs 4:25-27**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would be diligent, willing to work hard in all areas of his/her life (**Peter 1:5**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_'s faith will be deep and well grounded in You and Your Word (**Hebrews 10:22**).

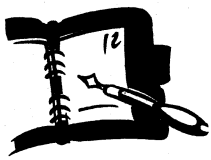
Father, enable \_\_\_\_\_ to be faithful to Your church; I ask that You will stir his/her heart to be faithful to and serve in the church (**Hebrews 10:25**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will learn to listen to You and will know how to discern Your will (**Ephesians 1:15, 18**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ would grow and mature spiritually (**Hebrews 5:12-14**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will love You with all of his/her being; enable \_\_\_\_\_ to love his/her neighbor as himself/herself (**Matthew 22:37-39**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would desire You above everyone and everything else. I pray that You would be the great pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_'s life (**Psalm 73:25-26**).



## The Family Prayer Plan

A great way to encourage prayer in your church and to cover your families with prayer is the family prayer plan. This prayer ministry encourages families to intercede for other families in your congregation. It can be implemented in a variety of ways. It can be done in Sunday school classes, small groups, or even church wide. In this plan, a family will pray for another family for 1 – 3 months. Place the names of each family on 3 X 5 card in a container. At a designated time, have a representative for each family choose a card. Then, for whatever time frame you set, have that family pray for the family on the card. You might even consider using pictures. They can use the guide in this newsletter; please feel free to copy it and distribute it to your congregation. After a period of time, have everyone return the card and choose another. This can encourage families to pray and it will bring about intercession for the families in your church.



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