



Family Prayer themes

17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe (Ephesians 1:17-19).

Faith - Pray for 'prodigal' children who have turned their back on faith and for partners whose spouses do not share their faith. Pray that they would have wisdom to bear witness to the hope, riches and power we hold in word and in action.

Marriages – Pray that God would strengthen ties between husbands and wives, especially in this disposable culture where marriage vows are only good until someone changes their mind. Pray for patience and humility as spouses seek to balance their own needs with that of their partner and the family as a whole.

Children – Thank God for His commitment 'to prosper them and not to harm them, to give them a hope and a future.' Pray that God would direct and mature our children. Pray that He would give parents wisdom to discipline them wisely and raise up wise, well-grounded members of society. Pray for their future spouses.

Older parents – Thank God for the privilege of having parents late in life. Pray that He would lead you as you care for them and help them to make difficult decisions that they might not want to make.

Siblings – Pray for relationships between siblings. Pray against comparison and favouritism so that all will grow up in households characterized by the love of Jesus. Pray for God's help forgiving old grudges and rebuilding bridges. Pray for reconciliation with 'black sheep' family members.

Grandchildren – Pray that God would help grandparents to build into the next next generation. Pray for opportunities to model faith and love grandchildren with Christ-like love.

Blended families – Pray for grace and harmony and respect between family members. Pray for stepparents and stepchildren as they navigate non-biological family relationships. Pray for single parent families.

For those who want children but haven't yet been able – Pray that God would make a way. Pray that God would sustain them and keep them hopeful. Pray that God would lead the right people to become foster parents or adoptive parents.

Conflict – Pray for God's help dealing with conflict – between husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, parents and children, any members of the family. Pray for God's help removing the log from our own eye before addressing the speck in another's. Pray against abuse. Pray for reconciliation and/or resolution in marital problems. Pray that God would support those for whom family is not a caring place.

Finances – Pray that God would provide for all families especially during COVID-19. Pray that parents would be united with regard to financial priorities.

Busyness – Pray that God would help families to find balance in their lives. Ask for His help balancing work and school and hobbies and responsibilities and spirituality.

Direction – Pray that God would direct decision making within the family, whether it's regarding a change in career, going back to school, going to school, moving somewhere, etc. Pray that God would help us to be godly families playing a part in His larger Kingdom.

Physical and mental health – Pray for loved ones suffering from illnesses and chronic pain. Pray that God would restore mental health after this long COVID period. Pray that God would tear down walls preventing people from talking with their families about their illnesses, so they can walk these roads together.

Loss – Pray for families who have lost loved ones recently. Pray for those who have lost work or other meaningful endeavours on account of COVID.