

Family Devotion #1

Opening Prayer (led by a parent)

Father in heaven, thank You for family and for Your great love for us. Thank You that You have plans for our welfare, to give us a hope and a future. As we come before You now as a family, we ask that we may learn to know and love You more. May this time together be special for us as we worship You, our God, as a family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

Draw me close to You; never let me go. I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire; No one else will do
'Cause nothing else would take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way; bring me back to You

You're all I want; You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want; Help me know You are near

Scripture Reading (Psalms 1:1-6)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two which part of the Scripture passage was meaningful for them and why.

Prayer for the Family (Unison)

Our Father in heaven, we thank You as a family for Your abundant blessings on us. Thank You for providing for our daily needs and faithfully watching over us. Teach us as a family to walk with You in ways that honour Your name. Help us to treasure Your Word in our hearts, that we may be fruitful and prosperous in our lives. Place in our hearts a faith and desire to regularly seek after You and the experience of Your grace. Continue to provide for our daily needs, and keep us from all evil as we seek to honour You as a family. We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Family Devotion #2

Opening Prayer (led by a parent)

Father in heaven, thank You for love and life, for relationships and kinship, for home and daily bread. Thank You for your great love for us and Your faithfulness towards us as a family. We come now before Your throne of grace as a family, that we may acknowledge and renew our relationship with You, God of our family. Give us a special time of fellowship in Your presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

(Spirit Song) O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
O let Him have the things that hold you, And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His Name
O give Him all your tears and sadness, Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' Name

Scripture Reading (Psalms 3:1-6)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly EITHER share a sentence or two which part of the Scripture passage was meaningful for them and why, OR share a word or phrase from the passage that they don't quite understand. For the latter, a parent may explain (don't feel pressured to explain if unable) or pray (Lord, help us understand that in the next few days) that God will give insight to it during the rest of the week.

Prayer for the Family (Responsively: P-Parents; R-Rest of the family)

P: May God bless us and keep us.

R: May God honour you and make you wise.

P: May God smile on us and gift us.

R: May God touch you and make you joyful.

P: May God look us full in the face and make us prosper.

R: May God take your labour and make you fruitful.

Together: May God's richest blessings be on us and may He keep us as a family in His protective arms of love. Amen.

Family Devotion #3

Opening Prayer (led by a parent)

Father in heaven, we thank You for watching over us as a family the past week. You have dealt with us gently and You have shown Your favour and grace to us in different ways in our going out and our coming in. You have kept us in your arms of love and continued to nurture us in Your ways. Here we are again as a family, seeking to come before Your throne of grace and to experience the smile on Your face again. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

I'm so secure, You're here with me.
You stay the same, Your love remains here in my heart.

So close, I believe You're holding me now, in Your hands I belong,
You'll never let me go;
So close, I believe You're holding me now, in Your hands I belong,
You'll never let me go.

You gave Your life and Your endless love.
You set me free and show the way, now I am found

(Bridge) All along You were beside me even when I couldn't tell
And through the years You showed me more of You, more of You

Scripture Reading (Psalms 4:1-8)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two what is one thing they learned about God in this passage.

Prayer for the Family

Have each member of the family briefly share ONE item from one's personal life that others can pray for. Take turns to pray simple prayers for each other based on what is shared. For children who do not know how to pray but are old enough, a parent may lead them by having them repeat after the parent phrase by phrase in prayer. End the time of prayer for the Family by praying the Lord's Prayer together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Family Devotion #4

Opening Prayer (to be sung)

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus; look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace
Turn our eyes upon You, Lord; we look at Your wonderful face
May the things of our daily cares grow so dim
In the light of Your glory and grace. Amen.

Songs of Worship

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You

So Here I am to Worship; Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor.
I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sins up on that cross

Scripture Reading (Psalms 5:1-12)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two what is one thing they learned from this passage how God wants us to live our lives.

Prayer for the Family (in unison)

Father who made heaven and earth, darkness and light, who gave us toil in the day and rest for the night: may Your angel guards defend us, may Your mercy send us restful times. With each rising sun returning to unseal our eyes, may we, born anew like morning, rise to labour in honour of Your name. Gird us for the task that You have entrusted to us, let us not be enthralled by ease and self, teach us to be strong through Christ whatever befalls us, O God most wise! Seal with Your Spirit, the commitments we have made in our hearts in Your favour, and keep us from things that would cause our hearts to wander. Watch over our family as we seek to place you as Head of this home and over our lives. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Family Devotion #5

Opening Prayer (by a child)

Father in heaven, thank You for family. Thank You for parents you have placed over me as part of the expression of Your love and care for me. I confess we may not have the best of relationships but You are in the process of forming us and You are not finished with us yet. So now, as we gather as a family to worship You, we ask that You will bless us with Your loving presence. Teach us what it means to relax in Your presence and enjoy Your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name

Majesty, worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flows from His throne, unto His own, His anthem raise
So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King
Majesty, worship His majesty
Jesus who dies, now glorified, King of all kings

Scripture Reading (Psalm 8:1-9)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two what is one thing they appreciate or adore about God in their lives as a result of what they learned from this passage.

Prayer for the Family (in unison)

Our heavenly Father, Creator and King, shepherd and lead us as a family. We need Your tender care. Guard us in all our ways and keep us and defend us from all evil. Seek us when we go astray on distracting rabbit trails in our lives. Continue to give us Your grace that we may continue to experience the freedom and cleansing before You. May we continue to seek Your favour and to do Your will. Fill us with Your love to overflowing. Befriend us in our moments of loneliness. Comfort us in all our distress. Hold us with Your hand and lead us each step of the way, that we may know the depths of Your friendship and the safety and security of Your ownership of our lives. We continue to acknowledge You, Yahweh, as God of our lives and God of our family. We bless you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Family Devotion #6

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Our heavenly Father, we gather as a family to honour Your name and to acknowledge Your sovereignty in our lives. We gather to give thanks to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins as an expression of Your deep, deep love. We gather to welcome the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, working in our hearts and transforming us to be increasingly Christ-like daily. We ask for the grace and strength to continue to trust Your work in our lives and family. We ask for the humility to let You lead us according to what You deem best for us as a family. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Crown Him with Many Crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing, of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as Thy matchless King through all eternity
(Repeat)

You are the Peace that Guards my Heart, my help in time of need
You are the hope that leads me on and brings me to my knees
For there I find You waiting, and there I find release
So with all my heart I'll worship, and unto You I'll sing

For You alone deserve all glory, for You alone deserve all praise
Father, we worship and adore You; Father, we long to see Your face
For You alone deserve all glory, for You alone deserve all praise
Father, we love You and we worship You this day

Scripture Reading (Psalm 9:1-20)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two what area of their lives they are going to trust God with in response to His Word in this passage.

Prayer for the Family (by a parent)

Father of our family and of our lives, we lift our hearts to You with thanks. Thank You for the blessing of Your grace in Your daily provision for our needs. Thank You for your grace in protecting us daily. Thank You for being there with us in all the moments of our lives. Thank You for the times when we thought You to be absent or we have strayed from You, yet You were present and Your grace kept tugging at our hearts to come home. You are a Father of love and in spite of Your greatness and having to take care of all of creation, You have chosen to take interest in our lives as a family. You have chosen to search our hearts to know us. You have decided to walk alongside us through Your Spirit. You have acted so not because we have chosen You to be a part of our lives, but that You are God, and You have given us the privilege to be part of Your pleasures and enjoy who You are. Continue to teach us the joy of being at the centre of Your will. Provide for all that we need and keep us from all evil. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Family Devotion #7

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we gather together to ask Your blessings as a family that seeks to honour Your name. May Your rule over our lives bring forth hearts of gratitude for your provisionary rule and your benevolent love. We thank You for Your great act of love by sending Your Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins. Today, we as a family have special standing in grace before Your throne because of the finished work that You have done on the cross of Calvary. We continue to seek Your deep work in our hearts as You mould us to be true children of Yours, our family and Your family. In Jesus' Name. Amen

Songs of Worship

All Hail, the Power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all. (2x)

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all. (2x)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You

Scripture Reading (Psalm 10:1-18)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two what is one thing in life that terrifies them, which they can entrust to God who is "the desire of the afflicted; You encourage them, and You listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, ..." (verses 17-18).

Prayer for the Family (by a parent)

Father to all of us, lift up Your hand and do not forget us. You do see our struggle and grief; You are the helper of the fatherless; You are our comfort, shelter, tower of refuge and strength. We enthrone You in our home and as we look to You as a family, we thank You that You dwell in the midst of our praises, Your family and Your people. Continue to keep us from all evil and prosper the work of our hands to the honour and glory of Your name. Let Your righteousness and mercy flow in the midst of our family like an every flowing stream, an offering of sweet aroma to You. Thank You for Your loving presence with us. In Jesus' Name. Amen

Family Devotion #8

Opening Prayer (by a parent)

Dear heavenly Father, we come before You as a family once again recognizing our finiteness and Your infinitude. We acknowledge You as our God and Creator. In You, we have our being and becoming. In You, we learn to walk in righteousness and experience the abundance of Your love. In You, we find forgiveness for our sins based on the finished work on the cross of Calvary. We worship You, God of our family. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the world Thy hands hath made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
(repeat chorus)

Jesus, Beautiful Saviour, God of all majesty, risen King
Lamb of God, holy & righteous, blessed redeemer, bright morning star
All the heavens shout Your praise, all creation bow to worship You

How wonderful, how beautiful, name above every name, exalted high
How wonderful, how beautiful, Jesus Your name,
Name above every name – Jesus!

(Bridge) I will sing forever – Jesus, I love You. Jesus, I love You. (4x)

Scripture Reading (Psalm 11:1-7)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two their response to who God is – “For the LORD is righteous, He loves justice; ...” (verse 7). Is there an injustice one is experiencing in school, the work place, the community, etc. that needs to be brought before God in prayer?

Prayer for the Family (in unison)

Our heavenly Father, the LORD of righteousness and justice, we come to You as vulnerable human beings who live under all sorts of authorities delegated by You to watch over our well-being. We thank You for leaders in our school, work place, and community who lead rightly and justly. Yet there are those that do evil and we experience the result of unrighteousness and injustice in our lives. We look to You to right what is wrong, to tear down what is unjust, and to let Your mercy and righteousness flow over us and our people like an overflowing stream. As we wait for the consecration of our schools, work place, and community, we ask that You will teach us what it means to remain in Your grace and to be strong in the power of Your might. Keep us as a family close to Your heart. May we constantly and consistently experience Your fatherly love over us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Family Devotion #9

Opening Prayer (by a parent)

Our Father in heaven, we thank You for the privilege of being part of Your family. It is Your love that draws us to You and Your kindness that leads us to repentance. We come before you today acknowledging our weaknesses and failures, and affirming once again we need Your love and Your cleansing in our lives. Once again, we enthrone You as God of our family. Lead us in Your gentleness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

My Hope is Built on nothing less than Jesus's blood and righteousness
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood, sustain me in the raging flood
When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay.

You are My Hiding Place, you always fill my heart
With songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

Let the weak say "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

(Repeat)

I will trust in You.

Scripture Reading (Psalm 12:1-8)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two their response or prayer concern in relation to what God does – "I will protect them from those who malign them." (verse 5)

Prayer for the Family (in unison)

Our heavenly Father, the LORD who protects us from those who malign us, grant us patience and love in the face of those who wrongly speak all sorts of evil about us. While every cell in our body cries out for what is right, teach us what it means to allow You to deal with the situations we face, and to learn to be wise in our speech and silence in every circumstance. Teach us as a family especially, what it means to be kind in our words to each other knowing that You protect those who are maligned. Give us the grace to extend Your love to each other as we live and interact as a family. Continue to provide for all that we need and keep us from all evil. We pray this in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from all evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion #10

Opening Prayer (by a mother)

Our Father in heaven, we thank You for watching over us like a mother watches over her children. You have shown us Your love and protection through the week. You have provided for our needs daily. We know come before You in humble gratitude because You have shown us Your grace and given us beyond what we deserve. So help us as a family to acknowledge You once again as Lord of our family and of our lives. May Your presence continually be enthroned in our midst. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown.

God is Good all the time.

He put a song of praise in this heart of mine.

God is good all the time.

Through the darkest night, His light will shine.

God is good, God is good all the time.

If you're walking through the valley, there are shadows all around
Do not fear, He will guide you, He will keep you safe and sound
He has promised to never leave you, nor forsake you
And His word is true

We were sinners and so unworthy, still for us He chose to die
He filled us with His Holy Spirit, now we can stand and testify
That His love is everlasting and His mercies, they will never end

Bridge: Though I may not understand all the plans You have for me
My life is in Your hands
And through the eyes of faith I can clearly see

Scripture Reading (Psalm 13:1-6)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two their response to the unfailing love and goodness of God (see verses 5-6).

Prayer for the Family (in unison)

Our heavenly Father, we rejoice to know that Your love never fails. You have been good to us in so many ways that we often miss the signs of Your goodness. Help us to be constantly aware of Your goodness to us not only in our personal lives, but also in our family. Help us to continually keep our eyes on You that we may not lose sight of Your goodness and allow the darkness of this world to hide You when we most need to see You. Walk with us as we journey through life as a family. We pray this in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ . Amen.

Family Devotion #11

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Our Father in heaven, we come before You as a family once again to acknowledge You as Lord of our lives and of our family. We thank You that in Your goodness, You have blessed us with so many things. You have watched over us in Your faithfulness and loved us beyond what we can ever understand. We now ask that this time will be a special time of Your presence in our family and a time of renewing our commitment to You as a family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

King of kings, Majesty, God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend, strong Deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

Your Majesty, I can but bow, I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve, I live to serve Your majesty

Earth and heaven worship You, love eternal, faithful and true
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
All within me cries out in praise
Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Open my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So Here I am to Worship; here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted

Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge: I never know how much it cost
To see my sins up on that cross

Scripture Reading (Psalm 14:1-7)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two what they think the family should pray for as a response to this psalm.

Prayer for the Family (by the father)*

Father, we worship You for You are sovereign. In the midst of what is uncertain, You are our anchor. In what seems like confusing times and where darkness seems to be overwhelming, You are the everlasting light. Hold us close to Your heart and teach us what it means to rest in Your security. Teach us in practical ways what it means to keep our eyes focused on Jesus, our Lord. Continue to watch over us as a family and provide for our every need. We ask this in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(*If the father is not present, a mother may take his place in leading this prayer)

Family Devotion #12

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Turn our eyes upon You, Lord; look full in Your wonderful face. And all the things of the world will grow strangely dim in the light of Your glory and grace. May Your presence be special to us now, Lord of our lives and of our family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and Obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove, the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour He shows, and the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Jesus, You're My Firm Foundation. I know I can stand secure.
Jesus, You're my firm foundation. I put my hope in Your Holy Word,
I put my hope in Your Holy Word.

I have a living hope (echo); I have a future (echo);
God has a plan for me (echo); Of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure.

Your Word is faithful (echo); Mighty in power (echo);
God has delivered me (echo); Of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure.

Scripture Reading (Psalm 15:1-5)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two what they think God is asking them to be or do from this Psalm.

Prayer for the Family (responsively as led by a parent)

Take our feet, we yield them to You;

That our walk may be blameless as You lead us in paths of righteousness.

Take our hands, we yield them to You;

That our doing and serving may be blessings to those You place in our lives.

Take our mouth and tongue, we yield them to You;

That our words would be truth and slander would be foreign, and out of our mouth would flow rivers of life.

Take our hearts, we yield them to You;

That our thoughts, feelings, and decisions would honour You as we stand firmly in Christ, our foundation. Amen.

Family Devotion #13

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Your law.
Open our minds that we may understand Your ways and Your workings.
Open our ears that we may hear Your heart's desire for us and our family. Open our hearts that we may receive Your love afresh to us each day. Fill us with Your love once again as we gather as a family to worship You, our Lord and our God. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(To the tune *Edelweiss*)

Grace of God reaching me,
When He found me despairing.
Blood of Christ cleansing me,
Bringing joy to my sorrow.

Praise to the Lord for His love to me,
Love to me forever.
Joy and peace undeserved,
Day by day and forever.

There is a longing only You can fill
A raging tempest only You can still
My soul is thirsting, Lord, to know You as I'm known
Drink from the river that flows before Your throne

Take Me Deeper, deeper in love with You
Jesus hold me close in Your embrace
Take me deeper, deeper than I've ever been before
I just want to love You more and more
How I long to be deeper in love

Sunrise to sunset, I will seek Your face
Drawn by the Spirit to the promise of Your grace
My heart has found in You a hope that will abide
Here in Your presence forever satisfied

Scripture Reading (Psalm 16:1-11)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two in what way God has been showing His grace in life's experience that is related to what is described in the Psalm.

Prayer for the Family (silent prayer followed by prayer in unison)

(Take about 3-5 minutes to ask God what He wants you to be praying for the family. As He places those thoughts on your heart, respond to Him in silent prayer. End this time with the Lord's Prayer in unison.)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion #14

Opening Prayer (in unison)

To You, Father, we bring ourselves as a family in humble worship. To You, Jesus, we bring our thanks as a family for all You have done on Calvary. To You, Holy Spirit, we bring our hearts and family community and ask that You continue Your work of transforming us and building deep bonds of fellowship among us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

When Peace, Like a River, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billow roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well (It is well); With my soul (With my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

The Way That He Loves is as fair as the day
That blesses my way with love
The way that He loves is as soft as the breeze
Caressing the trees at night
So tender and precious is He, contented with Jesus I'll be
The way that He loves is so thrilling because
His love reaches even me

The way that He loves is as deep as the sea
His spirit shall be my stay

The way that He loves is as pure as a rose
Much sweeter He grows each day
His peace hovers near like a dove, I know there's a heaven above
To Jesus I'll cling, life's a wonderful thing
Because of the way He loves

Scripture Reading (Psalm 17:1-15)

Sharing

Have each member of the family briefly share a sentence or two how God relates to us or how we can relate to God as seen in this Psalm.

Prayer for the Family (silent prayer followed by prayer in unison)

(Take about 3-5 minutes to ask God what He wants you to be praying for the family. As He places those thoughts on your heart, respond to Him in silent prayer. End this time with the Lord's Prayer in unison.)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion #15

Opening Prayer (parent)

Heavenly Father, we gather once again as a family seeking You and Your heart as expressed by Your presence and Your Word. Teach us to be able to sense You in a way that is special to each of our hearts. We pray this and worship You, God of our family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine,
Heir of salvation, purchase of God; Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour, all the day long
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour, all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

I Will Call Upon the Lord for who is worthy to be praised
So shall I be saved from my enemies
(Repeat)

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock
And let the God of my salvation be exalted
(Repeat)

Scripture Reading (Psalm 18:1-50)

Reflection

Take about 5 minutes to silently reflect on Psalm 18 and what it means for your family. Respond to God in silent prayer in your heart.

Prayer for the Family (unison)

Dear heavenly Father, You have been our Rock and Deliverer in good times and in bad times. As a family, we come before You and affirm that You are our Rock and our Deliverer. In good times as we experience Your goodness, fill our hearts with thanksgiving and song. In bad times when we seem to not able to see Your strong and mighty hand at work, grant us the grace and the faith to hold tight to You and patiently follow Your leading.

Watch over our going out and coming in. May we enjoy the pleasures of what it means to know You in all Your goodness. And may our life and ministry be an overflow of that knowing. We pray all this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Family Devotion #16

Opening Prayer (parent)

Our heavenly Father, we gather as a family to honour Your name in our midst. We gather to renew our love and loyalty to You, our God. We gather to be refreshed once again in the presence of Your abounding, immeasurable, and overflowing love in our lives and in our family. We ask today that as we come as a family before Your throne of grace, that we would experience You afresh and taste again of Your fatherly goodness and grace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Break Thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord, to me
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

O Accept These Words that we bring as an offering to You, our King.
Lifting our voices in praise to You, our God
As Your children, we come to Your throne
With the worship that is Yours alone
Giving ourselves with our praise to You, our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, fruit of our lips we offer to Your name
O accept these words that we bring as an offering to You, our King
Lifting our voices in praise to You, our God.

Scripture Reading (Psalm 19:1-14)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one or two sentences what you learn about God or His Word from this passage.

Prayer for the Family (unison)

Dear heavenly Father, God of all glory, we join the heavens and the earth in proclaiming Your goodness and Your work in all of creation. We magnify Your name, our Creator God, who has set the whole world and the universe in its place. Day after day, night after night, the stars remain to display Your sovereignty and Your greatness. We ask as a family that we may constantly sense Your greatness in our hearts and allow Your Word to guide us in all of life. Daily, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. We pray all this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Family Devotion #17

Opening Prayer (parent)

Our heavenly Father, we gather as a family to worship You. We recognize how weak and lacking we are, yet You are our adequacy and sufficiency. We thank You for Your grace that has led us in the past week and how Your grace is perfected in our weakness. It is really an act of Your grace that we can even be called Your children. So we enter Your presence with thanksgiving. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, and to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Saviour, friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

As We Gather, may Your Spirit work within us.
As we gather, may we glorify Your name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
We'll be glad because we came. (2x)

The Steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning, new every morning.
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is Thy faithfulness

Scripture Reading (Psalm 20:1-9)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one or two things or areas in your life that you want to look to God and express your trust in Him.

Prayer for the Family (unison)

Dear heavenly Father, we thank You that you answer our prayers when we are in distress. You protect us in the face of dangers that many times we fail to even anticipate. You hold us up and save us with Your victorious right hand. We come before You as a family expressing the desires of our hearts. We present these desires at the foot of the cross of Calvary and at Your throne of grace. *(pause for a few moments to allow everyone to express their desires to God silently in their hearts)* Thank You for hearing and for answering from heaven. Some trust in human and material resources, but we as a family trust in You. We pray all this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion #18

Opening Prayer (parent)

Our heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for You are without beginning and without end. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, You created the whole world according to Your pleasure and have invited us to participate in who You are. You made the day for the works of light and the night for the refreshment of our minds and our bodies. Now we come as a family to offer you all glory, honour, and worship. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee in lowly paths of service free
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love
Teach me the wayward feet to stay and guide them in the homeward way

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee in closer, dearer, company
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong

I Just Want to Be Where You Are, dwelling daily in Your presence
I don't want to worship from afar, draw me near to where You are.
I just want to be where You are, in Your dwelling place forever
Take me to the place where You are, I just want to be with You.

I want to be where You are; dwelling in Your presence;
Feasting at Your table; surrounded by Your glory
In Your presence, that's where I always want to be
I just want to be, I just want to be with You

Bridge:

Oh, my God, You are my strength and my song,
And when I'm in Your presence
Though I'm weak You're always strong

Scripture Reading (Psalm 21:1-13)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one or two things you appreciate or enjoy about the presence of God (verse 6).

Prayer for the Family (unison)

Dear heavenly Father, teach us to soak ourselves in Your everlasting presence and enjoy every moment of it. Cover us with Your grace and Your unending love so that every minute of our lives, we may walk as confident people who know their trust in You will never be put to shame but be secured in You, our God who holds all things in Your loving hands. We ask now:

May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #19

Opening Prayer (parent)

Our heavenly Father, it has been a challenging week for most of us. But we have set aside this time as a family, to come before You seeking once again to renew our relationships with You and to yield ourselves to Your unending love for us. We fight and struggle with You so much in our lives but we ask that we may learn to submit to the overflowing abundance of Your goodness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross, there a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever
Till my rapture soul shall find rest beyond the river

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me
There, the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me

Near the cross! O Lamb of God; bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day with its shadows o'er me

Thank You for the Cross, the mighty cross
That God Himself should die for such as us
And everyday we're changed into your image more and more
Yes, by the cross we've truly been transformed

And we're so amazed and we give you praise
That you would save us at such a cost
And we're so amazed and we give you praise
For the power of the cross; for the power of the cross

Scripture Reading (Psalm 22:1-31)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one or two things you learn about Jesus Christ in this psalm about his experience.

Prayer for the Family (unison)

Dear heavenly Father, teach us to keep to keep our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perferter of our faith. Help us to see how our Saviour endured the shame and sufferings as He chose to submit and be obedient to You. Help us appreciate His patience with opposition from sinful men that our own hearts will be encouraged and not grow weary or lose heart in life and work. Thank You for Your great love for us and for Your word of encouragement that addresses us as children of Yours. We pray that You will continually empower and strengthen us that we may face each challenge in our lives and work, in our family and friendships, with faith, hope and love. We ask now:

May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #20

Opening Prayer (parent)

Our heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ. Thank You for the immeasurable expression of Your love which came down from heaven. We are able to come right before Your throne of grace today because of Your love and the finished work on the Cross of Calvary. We come before You this day as a family gathered to worship You. We renew our relationship with You and say, "We love You" because you have first loved us. Lead us deeper into who You are and teach us the pleasures of relationship with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

All The Way My Saviour Leads Me, what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well. (2x)

All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see. (2x)

Draw Me Close To You; never let me go
I lay it all down again to hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire; no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way; bring me back to You

You're all I want; You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want; help me know You are near

Scripture Reading (Psalm 28:1-9)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one situation in your family where you desire the Lord's shepherding in the coming new year. (v9)

Prayer for the Family (unison)

Dear heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has gone by, one that was marked by Your love and grace, seen or unseen. Thank You for being our strength and our shield, for keeping us and protecting us in our coming in and going out. Thank You for being our help and for blessing us.

We now come to the end of this year and enter the new, desiring in our hearts to renew our allegiance to You, God of our family. We will be Your people, as You will be our God. Come in Your fullness and dwell richly in our hearts and in our home. May Your glory fill us as we journey into the new year.

May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #21

Opening Prayer (a child)

Our heavenly Father, thank You for watching over us the whole year. Thank You for providing for us in many special ways. Thank You for the gift of relationships – for parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, and friends. Thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ. We have made room in our lives and family for You and we continue to thank You for Your love for us. Now, as a family, we come before Your presence to worship You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and man, the Son
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honour, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

There is None Like You

No one else can touch my heart like You do.
I could search for all eternity long
And find there is none like You.

Your mercy flows like a river wide
And healing comes from Your hands
Suffering children are safe in Your arms
There is none like You

Scripture Reading (Psalm 29:1-11)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one thing about God that causes you to worship Him.

Prayer for the Family (a parent)

Dear heavenly Father, You are worthy of our praise and worship. You are far beyond what we can fully comprehend. Yet, in Your greatness, You chose to manifest Yourself to us that we might have the privilege of being part of Your family and Your world.

As we begin this new year, may we continue to enthrone You in our lives and in this family. May we continue to experience Your strength when we are weak, Your hope when we despair, Your love when we feel forsaken. May Your presence keep us in Your peace as we face the new challenges of this new year. We pray as a family:

(in unison)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;

May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.

Amen.

Family Devotion #22

Opening Prayer (a parent)

Our heavenly Father, thank You for watching over us the whole year. Thank You for providing for us in many special ways. Thank You for the gift of relationships – for parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, and friends. Thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ. We have made room in our lives and family for You and we continue to thank You for Your love for us. Now, as a family, we come before Your presence to worship You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine; O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song; praising my Saviour, all the day long
(Repeat)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Saviour am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love
 I'm Forgiven, because You were forsaken
 I'm accepted, You were condemned
 I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
 Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be that You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true and it's my joy to honour You
(Repeat)
In all I do I honour You

Bridge: You are my King (3x)
Jesus, You are my King (3x)

Scripture Reading (Psalm 30:1-12)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one thing you experienced in the last year where you felt secure or experienced God's favour.

Prayer for the Family (a child)

Dear heavenly Father, Your favour to us lasts a lifetime. We rejoice in Your goodness and the demonstration of Your grace again and again. You have shown Yourself faithful in so many ways – our hearts are ever grateful. You cover us with Your mercy and You are our ever present help. How we praise You and sing to You.

Help us to remember how You led us in the past year. Teach us to learn to walk in Your ways this year. And as a family, we pray again:

(in unison)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #23

Opening Prayer (a parent)

Our heavenly Father, thank You for watching over us the past week. As we place our hope in You, You have demonstrated Your protection. Thank You for the finished work on the cross of Calvary that enables us today to pray the same prayer that Your Son Jesus Christ prayed, "Forgive them for they do not know what they do." Now we gather as a family to worship You, for You are love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow, could my zeal no languor know,
These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling.

Rock of ages, shelter me, keep my heart and set it free;
Though the storms around me rage, read of fears on every page,
Let Your grace abounding flow, let Your peace forever grow.
In My Life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our home, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our home, Lord, be glorified today.

In our church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our church, Lord, be glorified today.

In our land, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our land, Lord, be glorified today.

Scripture Reading (Psalm 31:1-24)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one thing that you want to trust God for as you go through the events of the past week.

Prayer for the Family (a child)

Dear heavenly Father, we learn that we can be strong and take heart as we hope in You. You have sheltered us and protected us through the past week. You heard our prayers and You knew the anguish of our souls.

Great is Your goodness and Your wonderful love. Continue to hear our cry as we call to You for help. Where there is slander, and people conspire against us, hear our cry for mercy and continue to preserve us. Let Your peace dwell in us and with us in fullest measure.

(in unison)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #24

Opening Prayer (a parent)

Gracious heavenly Father, we come as a family before Your throne of grace to seek You in our time of need; much more, to see You afresh in the beauty of Your holiness. We come acknowledging You as sovereign over all our human affairs and over every move that we make. We give praise and honour to You, our Creator, our Lord, and our Master. We bless Your Name and thank You, who in all Your grandeur and greatness, should come to be our friend to walk alongside us in all of life. We thank You and we worship You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

What a Friend We Have in Jesus; all our sins and grief to bear;
What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Are we weak and heavy laden; cumbered with a load of care;
Previous Saviour, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful; who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High; Lord, I love to sing Your praises;
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave; from the grave to the sky.
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Scripture Reading (Psalm 32:1-11)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one area that you want to trust God to experience greater victory in life.

Prayer for the Family (responsively: C-Child, F-Family)

- C: We bow before You heavenly Father, as children of Your.
- F: We are weak, You are strong.
- C: Search our hearts and know us
- F: See if there is any wicked way and lead us in the way everlasting.
- C: We confess our sins and wrongdoing to You.
- F: We confess the wrong in word and deed.
- C: We confess our "couldn't care less" attitude.
- F: We confess our sins of neglect.
- C: Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross for us.
- F: You have forgiven us and cleansed us from all unrighteousness.
- C: So, teach us to love one another and forgive one another.
- F: And live as people forgiven and free from condemnation.

(in unison)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #25

Opening Prayer (Child or family member)

Our Father in heaven, thank You for Your goodness and grace in our home. You have shown us favour in our lives and watched over us the past week. You have sent us blessings in friends and family. You have provided that we might not grow hungry or thirsty. You have kept us safe. We now gather as a family to honour You, to bless You, and to worship You, our Lord and our God. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

For the Beauty of the Earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For Thyself, best Gift Divine! To our fam'ly freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Amazing Love, how can it be that You my King would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You.

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Scripture Reading (Psalm 33:1-22)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one aspect about God in this passage that you appreciate and are thankful for.

Prayer for the Family (Parent)

Father, You are beyond our human description. Your greatness makes You worthy of our worship and honour. You made the world and all that is in it and we lift our hearts in awe of who You are.

We confess how frail we are and how often we have trusted in ourselves instead of You, the One who holds all our lives and continues to sustain the workings of all of existence. We have made ourselves the centre of existence even though You remind us again and again how all things flow from You.

Teach us how we may walk in humility before You. Teach us to put our trust in You and hope in the certainty of Your love and forgiveness. Teach us what it means to be a blessed family for You have chosen us to be Yours. Let Your unfailing love rest on us always.

(in unison)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;

May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.

Amen.

Family Devotion #26

Opening Prayer (Child or family member)

Our Father in heaven, we come before You again as a family to worship You. We seek to honour You and desire to walk in ways pleasing to You. May our lives be a worship acceptable to You. May Your love reign in our hearts as we seek to overflow with love for one another in the family. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Songs of Worship

My Faith Looks Up to Thee; Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

Purify My Heart; let me as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart; let me as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire! My heart's one desire is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord; I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my master; ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart; cleanse me from my sin and make my holy
Purify my heart; cleanse me from my sin, deep within

Scripture Reading (Psalm 35:1-28)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one area of life similar to that of the Psalmist, that you do not quite understand.

Prayer for the Family (Parent)

Father, You are beyond our understanding. Often, we do not see what You are doing because we do not see behind the scenes. Often we are short-sighted and do not see Your eternal purpose. Often we lack discernment and do not see the reality of the spiritual landscape of the circumstances of our experiences. Lord, have mercy on us. Open our eyes that we may behold Your righteousness and exalt Your name while we learn to wait in patience before You. Continue to watch over us and remind us again and again – our battle is not against flesh and blood. Teach us to trust in You and let Your unusual favour continue to rest on us.

(in unison)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #27

Opening Prayer (Child or family member)

Our Father in heaven, we come before Your throne of grace with grateful hearts. You have blessed us so much each and every year that we have not gone without food and shelter. We come before You as a family now, asking that You teach us what it means to be in a blessed state – as people who know how to truly worship You and walk with You in all of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

All the Way My Saviour Leads Me, what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?
Heavn'ly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

Jesus, You're My Firm Foundation; I know I can stand secure.
Jesus, You're my firm foundation; I put my hope in Your holy Word,
I put my hope in Your holy Word.

I have a living hope (*I have a living hope*)
I have a future (*I have a future*)
God has a plan for me (*God has a plan for me*)
Of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure.

Your Word is faithful (*Your Word is faithful*)

Mighty in power (*Mighty in power*)
God will deliver me (*God will deliver me*)
Of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure.

Scripture Reading (Psalm 36:1-12)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one area of life where God's Word has helped you live life – "in Your light we see light" (Psalm 36:9).

Prayer for the Family (Parent)

Father, how good it is to be covered by Your loving kindness. How priceless indeed is Your unfailing love! Teach us what it means to continue in Your love and feast on the abundance of Your presence. Help us to learn to relax and enjoy Your every abiding presence. We want to throw ourselves into Your everlasting arms of love and enjoy every moment of it as You teach us to see things the way You do.

(in unison)
May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #28

Opening Prayer (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, thank You for Your love to us as a family. Thank You for watching over us and providing for every need. Thank You for journeying beside us and encouraging us in difficult moments. We come before You as a family to once again renew our loyalty to You. We come to renew our covenant with You, our Creator and our God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares; I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we've first begun.

Seek Ye First the kingdom of God and His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Scripture Reading (Psalm 37:1-40)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one result of a righteous life mentioned in the passage that you desire.

Prayer for the Family (Parent)

Father, we thank You that Christ is our righteousness. Teach us to walk in His way and to fear God. In that way, the desires of our hearts will be aligned to You and granting the desires of our hearts will be something normal and natural. Teach us to live in ways that honour You and our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless us as a family now.

(in unison)
May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #29

Opening Prayer (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, we come before You in humble recognition that we are nothing but You are everything. We recognize how weak we can be. At the same time, we acknowledge that you are the Almighty that watches over us and journeys with us. So we come as a family to again renew our trust in You and to seek You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour; hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by

Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry.
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace.

Lord I come to You; let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You
Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the Power of Your Love

Hold me close, let Your love surround me
Bring me near; draw me to Your side
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You; You Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes; let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living everyday by the power of Your love

Scripture Reading (Psalm 38:1-22)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one situation in your personal life that you are seeking God to deliver you from or bring you out of.

Prayer for the Family (Parent)

Father, our foolishness has often brought us the troubles we go through today. We ask for Your mercy and deliverance. In our own wisdom, we have sought for what is right in our own eyes, but You weighed our hearts and often found them lacking. We ask for Your mercy and grace. Come quickly to help us, O Lord our Saviour.

(in unison)
May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #30

Opening Prayer (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, we come before You as a family in once again renew our relationships with You. We thank You that in Your goodness and grace, You have provided the past week and You continue to watch over us. We worship You, the One who is the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and Omega, our Saviour and God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Blessed Assurance. Jesus is mine; O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Saviour, am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above; filled with His goodness, lost in His love

Jesus, You're My Firm Foundation
I know I can stand secure
Jesus, You're my firm foundation
I put my hope in Your Holy Word
I put my hope in Your Holy Word

I have a living hope; I have a future
God has a plan for me; of this I'm sure; of this I'm sure

Your Word is faithful; mighty with power

God will deliver me; of this I'm sure; of this I'm sure

My sins are washed away; I have the freedom
God fills me with His joy; of this I'm sure; of this I'm sure

Scripture Reading (Psalm 39:1-13)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one important thing you would want to do in your relationship with God since life is short, like a breath.

Prayer for the Family (Parent)

Father, teach us to number our days and gain a heart of wisdom. Teach us to hope in You and gain a heart of joy. Teach us to be still in our hearts and gain a deeper experience of eternal life – to know You and Your Son Jesus Christ intimately. You are our Guide and our Salvation. In You we trust.

(in unison)
May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #31

Opening Prayer (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, we come before You as a family with grateful hearts. You have shown us Your love through Your Son on the cross of Calvary, dying for our sins. We worship You now. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Jesus, Lover of My Soul;

Jesus, I will never let You go.
You've taken me from the miry clay,
You've set my feet upon the Rock, and now I know.

I love You, I need You
Though my world may fall, I'll never let You go
My Saviour, my closest friend
I will worship You until the very end
(repeat)

Scripture Reading (Psalm 40:1-17)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one way God has demonstrated His love or mercy to you in the past week.

Prayer for the Family (Parent)

Father, You have never ceased to show us Your love, but we often turn our eyes aside to other pleasures. You have never failed in demonstrating Your mercies, but we have strayed from one thing to another. You have constantly surrounded us in Your grace, but we have sought to prove ourselves to You when our righteousness are as filthy rags before You. Teach us to trust in You and rest in Your love and mercy, for You are our help and our deliverer.

(in unison)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Family Devotion #32

Opening Prayer (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, we come before You as a family in worship. We offer You our praise for You are God, Almighty, far beyond all comparisons on earth, below the earth, and above the heavens. You alone are to be worshipped for You alone are worthy to receive worship. You are God and there is none like You. We therefore renew our covenant with You, thanking You for Your grace and favour towards us, mere mortals. We bless Your name and pray in the name that is above every name, Jesus. Amen.

Songs of Worship

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes; the whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing; the people sing

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest (Repeat)

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith; with selfless faith
I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek

We're on our knees; we're on our knees

Bridge:

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from nothing to Eternity

Scripture Reading (Psalm 41:1-13)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one difficult situation that you want to trust God to be there for you.

Prayer for the Family (Parent)

Father, touch our lives that we may see Your acts and expressions of Your love in meaningful ways. Open our eyes to constantly see Your salvation in operation in all that we do and say. Keep our hearts warm and close to You and protect them with Your love. Help us not to lose heart but to keep trusting You. We present ourselves to You, guardian of our family. In Jesus' name, Amen.