

Prayer Topic #9:
A Prayer for Blended Families

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 105:1-8, Deuteronomy 11:18-22

Reflections of the Heart:

Blending a family of people together who are not related by blood is like grafting one tree into another. It takes time, patience, understanding, and lots of support. With God guiding them, any couple who is raising a blended family can build a happy home together.

Scriptural Prayer:

Loving Father, we thank You for all the blended families in our Church Family. You are well able to weave the fabric of their unique differences together into a beautiful tapestry of love. Thank You for the opportunities You give them to grow together spiritually, emotionally, and relationally. We are grateful for the hope that our blended families have in You. You are so faithful! With hearts of thanksgiving, we lift our hands in worship to You, the one true God. We, the Windsor Village UMC Church Family come together to sing Your praises. We will tell everyone about Your wonderful deeds. We exult in Your holy Name. Those of us who worship You rejoice!

Magnificent Father, we confess that couples and children who have come together through the bond of marriage will rely upon Your strength to blend their families together. They will walk in love and understanding with one another. We declare that they will be unified by Your Word, which reminds them that, "A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." We proclaim that by the power of the Holy Spirit, they will refrain from taking offense, taking sides, and holding grudges. Father, we expect You to place them within Your protective care, away from any negative influences that would defeat their efforts to become unified as a family. We decree that the fathers and mothers will release themselves to love all the children in the family as if they are biologically their own. The children will learn to love and respect their step-parents. No weapon turned against them will succeed. We confess that each member of these blended families will be patient with one another and will give one another room and time to build trusting relationships together.

Holy Spirit, help each couple and their children's parents to clearly define the roles and expectations that are now necessary in order for the family to blend together well. Tear down walls and barriers that have been obstructing Your flow within these families. Teach the children to show great respect for their mother and father; both biological and stepparents. Remind the fathers not to provoke their children to wrath, but to bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. When conflicts arise, let the truth be spoken in love so that all involved can receive it and be healed. Redeem the hope and trust of any parent or child in these blended families and help them to stand in faith. Show each husband and wife how to keep their marriage covenant solid so that it can be a strong foundation for all of their children. May each family member be willing to release the failures and disappointments of the past so that they can move forward in victory.

Pray for the blended families you know who are struggling to unite right now:

Gracious Father, forgive every blended family of all their sins. Forgive any parent who has acted unfairly toward their stepchild. Forgive any child who has acted in disrespect toward their step-parent. Forgive those who try to divide these families by keeping confusion going. Forgive those who hold anger, rage, and resentment toward an ex-spouse or ex-partner. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind our blended families of all those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. **(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)**

Blessed Father, help our blended families to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Majestic Father, as Your Name deserves, You will be praised to the ends of the earth. Your strong right hand is filled with victory. Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty; the Lord invincible in battle. Your eternal word, O Lord, stands firm in heaven. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Scripture References for the Written Text: I Chronicles 16:9-10, Ecclesiastes 4:12, Isaiah 54:17, Leviticus 19:3, Ephesians 6:4 NKJV, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 48:10, Psalm 24:8, Psalm 119:89

Today I will trust God to:
