

A Prayer for God's Favor on Families

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 103:1-5, Acts 15:8-9

Reflections of the Heart:

When grace happens, we receive not a nice compliment from God but a new heart. Give your heart to Christ, and he returns the favor. ~ Max Lucado

ONE Prayer:

Our Father, thank You for giving favor, grace and mercy to families. Thank You for opening doors of abundance so they can prosper and have wealth to share. Thank You for being faithful to them even during times when their faith is weak. You are the Most High God, the only true and living God. You are excellent in all of Your ways. The heavens are Your throne, and the earth is Your footstool. Lord, You are good, and Your faithful love endures forever. You are the great I Am, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. You are our Creator and Savior.

Loving Father, it is Your will that families love You with all their hearts, minds and souls. We confess that they will live by believing and not by seeing. As they commit everything they do to You and trust You, You will help them. No good thing will be withheld from families who do what is right. For You bless the Godly and surround them with Your shield of love. By faith we declare families will never let loyalty and kindness leave them, but they will tie loyalty and kindness around their necks and write them deep within their hearts. Then, they will find favor with You and others. They will honor You with their wealth and with the best part of everything they produce.

Holy Spirit reveal how I can pray for favor on behalf of families:

Holy Spirit, please teach families Your ways, show them Your paths and lead them in Your truth. Bless them with Your power and help to create a Godly foundation in the home. As they honor You, provide everything they need to make their home happy and safe. Give families peace and strength to overcome the inevitable internal and external challenges from worldly influences. Keep them from loving halfheartedly, taking advantage of one another and worshipping material things instead of You. Help them to make good decisions that benefit their entire family. Lord, remind them that their ability to succeed comes from You and that favor is a gift, not an entitlement. Show them ways to work smart and bring balance to their professional and personal lives.

Most Merciful Father, forgive families for all acts of sinfulness, including greed, envy, outbursts of anger, pride, arrogance, bitterness, lying, stealing, criticism, gossiping and stubbornness. Forgive them for putting their careers first and You and their family second. Forgive them for not spending quality time and energy toward creating a strong family foundation. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind all families to forgive others. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say "forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help families not to yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord God Almighty, You are holy and righteous. You are great and deserving of praise. We love You and will bless Your Name forever. Yours is the Kingdom, glory and the power forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Jeremiah 10:10, Isaiah 66:1, Psalm 136:1, Exodus 3:14, Isaiah 9:6, Romans 12:16a, II Timothy 2:13, Psalm 119:105, John 10:10, II Corinthians 5:7, Psalm 84:11, Psalm 5:12, Deuteronomy 28:6, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 48:1, Psalm 145:1