A Prayer for the Families of Arts and Entertainment Professionals

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 145:1-13, Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Reflections of the Heart:

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

ONE Prayer:

Awesome Father, our souls honor You! Thank You for creating families and for Your Word that instructs husbands and wives, parents and children how to treat each other. Thank You for arts and entertainment professionals and for surrounding their families with favor like a shield. Thank You for opening doors for them so that Your plans and purposes for them can be realized. Lord, You are great and Your power is absolute. Your understanding is beyond comprehension. When we look at the night sky and see the work of Your fingers – the moon and the stars You set in place – what are mere mortals that You should think about them, human beings that You care for them? We exalt You, our God and King, and praise Your Name forever and ever!

Glorious Father, we confess that You are a sun and a shield for families of arts and entertainment professionals; You bestow favor and honor. No good thing will You withhold from those who do what is right. And as they approach You confidently for good things, we expect them to keep on asking, and they will receive what they ask for. They will keep on seeking and they will find. They will keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to them. For Your promise is everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. By faith, we declare that the families of arts and entertainment professionals will not forget to do good and to share with those in need, for these are the sacrifices that please You. The love of God will reign supreme in their homes and their families will obey Your Word, with their children and grandchildren reverencing You, Lord, as long as they live. As they obey all Your decrees and commands, You will bless them to enjoy long lives and all will go well with them. They will always be humble and gentle. They will be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of Your love.

Holy Spirit, show me which family I should specifically pray for today:

Holy Spirit, we ask that You give the arts and entertainment professionals and their family members one heart and put a new spirit within them all. Where there are strained relationships in their families, please turn hearts back to one another. Please begin to heal the wounds that family secrets have inflicted on the souls and minds of some family members. Lead them to competent Christian counseling to help them process their pain. Give them Your wisdom. Let discretion preserve them and understanding keep them from the way of evil. Please unite their families. Father, open the lines of communication in the homes so that there is a good rapport in their families. Please keep their children and youth as the apples of Your eye. Let Your peace, love and understanding reside in their families. Holy Spirit, please comfort and guide families who are experiencing the challenges of self-employed artists and entertainers whose incomes are difficult to predict, have inadequate or nonexistent health insurance, or face rising expenses and dwindling profits. Motivate families to balance schedules so that they may spend quality time together; give them creative ways to connect and have fun.

Merciful Father, please forgive the families of arts and entertainment professionals for all acts of sinfulness, including strife, anger, envy, jealousy, gossiping, idolatry, adultery, neglect, addictions, and verbal or physical abuse within their homes. Forgive them when they allow responsibilities such as jobs, school and extracurricular activities to have greater priority over their families. Forgive them when they take Your blessings as well as their loved ones for granted. Forgive those who do not pray for their families consistently. Lord, forgive me for (*list any sins that you have committed*). Holy Spirit, remind families of arts and entertainment professionals of 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 reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them say, "I forgive <u>name of person (s)</u>")

Holy Spirit, help families of arts and entertainment professionals not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Sovereign Lord, You are King! You are robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. Your throne has stood from time immemorial. You are from the everlasting past. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

<u>Scripture References for the Written Text</u>: Psalm 5:12 (NKJV), Psalm 147:5, Psalm 8:3-4, Psalm 145:1, Psalm 84:11, Matthew 7:7-8, Hebrews 13:16, Ephesians 4:2, Deuteronomy 6:1-3, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 93:1-2

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