A Prayer of Faith for Within Families

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 29, Hebrews 11

Reflections of the Heart:

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Scriptural Prayer:

Eternal Father, thank You for being in relationship within families. Thank You for drawing them into Your holy family through the meritorious works of Jesus Christ. Thank You for creating them to be kings of the King and lords of the Lord. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to lead and guide them on this faith walk. The heavens proclaim Your glory and the skies display Your craftsmanship. Lord, families will praise You with their whole hearts, tell of all the marvelous things You have done and be filled with joy because of You. They will sing praises to Your Name, O Most High!

Dear Lord, as citizens of Your Kingdom, families are righteous people who live by faith. We decree that they live their lives in faith by believing in You and Your Word, and they are not influenced by things they see with their natural eyes. They will trust in You with all of their hearts and not depend on their own understanding. Seeking Your will in all that they do and in every situation, they will trust that You will show them which path to take. They will strip off every weight that slows them down, especially the sin that so easily trips them up. Families will run with endurance the race that You have set before them, keeping their eyes on Jesus, the Champion, who initiates and perfects their faith. They will seek Your Kingdom above all else and live righteously and trust that You will give them everything they need. As Kingdom citizens, they will trust You with their finances, families, businesses, relationships and all other areas of their lives. Father, their works will reflect the faith that they have in You!

Holy Spirit, how can I pray for families to develop a deeper faith?

Holy Spirit, please help families relinquish control to You. Transform the way they think as they meditate on the Word. Help them to let their good deeds shine out for all to praise You, our heavenly Father. Empower them to model and teach Kingdom faith to their siblings, children, parents and other family members including other close relationships. Show them any areas in their lives where their faith may be faltering. Please help those family members who have had so many disappointments, missed opportunities or conflicts in life to stand boldly and walk in their Kingdom authority.

Heavenly Father, please forgive families for all acts of sinfulness including lying, fornication, adultery, idolatry, profanity, deception, drug abuse, and theft. Forgive them for having more faith in themselves, their jobs, finances, gifts and talents and other people than they do in You. Forgive them for harboring dead faith. Remind families 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 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 them from the evil one.

Triumphant Lord, all glory belongs to You, who alone are God. All glory, majesty, power and authority are Yours before all time and in the present and beyond all time! In Jesus' Name. Amen.

<u>Scripture References for the Written Text</u>: I Timothy 6:15, Psalm 19:1, Psalm 9:1-2, Hebrews 10:38, Proverbs 3:5-6, Hebrews 12:1-2, Matthew 6:33, Numbers 23:19, Matthew 6:13, Jude 25

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