

**Prayer Topic #7:**

**A Prayer of Obedience and Self-Control for Our Families**

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 81:1-8, Deuteronomy 6:1-8

**Reflections of the Heart:**

Jesus said, "If you love me, obey my commandments!" *John 14:15*

**Scriptural Prayer:**

Our Father, thank You for Your love and compassion. Thank You for keeping Your covenant with our families throughout the ages. Thank You for Your provision and protection. Lord, You are compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. Your unfailing love toward those who honor You is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. Let the whole world respect and revere You, Lord. Let everyone stand in awe of You. Almighty God, You are so awesome! Father, You are great and most worthy of praise. Our families will praise You at all times and constantly speak of Your praises.

Righteous Father, by faith, we confess that our families will obey Your commands, walk in Your ways, and honor You. They will confess that Your instructions are perfect, reviving their souls. Your decrees are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Your commandments are right, bringing joy to their hearts. Your commands are clear, giving insight for living. Revering You is pure, lasting forever. Your laws are true and each one is fair. Father, we declare that Your Word will be more desirable than gold to our families, yes, even the finest gold. Your Word is sweeter than honey dripping from the honeycomb. We declare that as our families are willing and obedient to You, we will eat the good of the land. We will seek Your Kingdom above all else, and live righteously, and know that You will give us everything we need.

***Today, I am praying for my family to obey God, our Father, in the following areas:***

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Omnipotent Father, please let Your ears be attentive to the prayers of our families. Holy Spirit, show each family member individually and collectively where they are consistently missing the mark. Help them to turn from any areas of disobedience such as not loving one another, not talking to each other, and being critical of one another. Heal the wounds that have been created and unify broken families. Help our families to encourage each other and build each other up on a regular basis. Encourage each family to make every effort to respond to God's vision for our families.

Compassionate Father, forgive those who are physically, emotionally, and verbally abusive to each other. Forgive our families for not spending quality time together, for not making You the center of their family unit, and for, at times, treating You irreverently. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed in your family)***. Holy Spirit, remind each family member 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 all our families not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Triumphant Lord, You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You are the God who is, and who was, and who is still to come – the Almighty One, El Shaddai. All honor and glory belongs to You, God, forever and ever! You are the eternal King, the unseen One who never dies; You alone are God. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Psalm 103:8,11, Psalm 33:8, Psalm 96:4, Psalm 34:1, Deuteronomy 8:6, Psalm 19:7-11, Isaiah 1:19, Matthew 6:33, 2 Peter 1:5-7, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 1:8, I Timothy 1:17

***Today, I will trust God to:***

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