

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Families

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 136:1-9, Ephesians 5:15-20

Reflections of the Heart:

Be thankful always for the people in your heart; they are worth more than the possessions in your pocket.

ONE Prayer:

Heavenly Father, our souls honor You. We thank You for giving us dominion in the earth. Thank You for family relationships. We thank You for singlehood, the institution of marriage and parenthood. Lord, we thank You for fulfilling Your plans and purposes in our lives and for surrounding us with favor like a shield. Thank You for blessing us continually with Your loving-kindness and tender mercies. Your mercy endures forever. You are great, and Your power is absolute. Your understanding is beyond comprehension. We love You and extol Your Holy Name. Out of the mouths of babes and infants, You have ordained strength. What are mere mortals that You should think of them, human beings that You should care for them? Yet, You have made us only a little lower than Yourself and crowned us with glory and honor. You are an awesome God!

Glorious Father, we are grateful that it is Your will that our families prosper and be in health as their souls prosper. We are thankful that families live in peaceful habitations, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting places. Stability, salvation, love, wisdom and knowledge abide in their homes. Lord, we confess that no weapon formed against their families will prosper. We declare that everything the devil means for evil will be turned around by You, our God, for the good of families. We thank You for a spiritual renewal and restoration in families. Father, they will hold fast to the confession of their faith without wavering. We confess that the love of God will reign supreme in their homes and the peace of God is an umpire in family relationships. We decree that because families seek Your Kingdom above all else, and live righteously, that You will continue to give them everything that they stand in need of.

Who are the family members that have touched your life? List what they have done and give thanks:

Royal Father, we ask that You give families one heart and put a new spirit within them. Where there are strained relationships in families, please turn hearts back to one another. Holy Spirit, please begin to heal the wounds that family secrets have inflicted on the souls and minds of some families. Lead them to competent Christian counseling to help them process their pain. Give them Your wisdom. Let discretion preserve us and understanding keep us from the way of evil. Please unite families closer together. Holy Spirit, thank You for opening the lines of communication in homes around the world so that there is a good rapport in families. Father, thank You for keeping children and youth as the apples of Your eye. Thank You for letting Your favor surround them like a shield. Thank You for letting Your peace, love and understanding reside in our families.

Merciful Father, please forgive families for all acts of sinfulness. Forgive them for allowing their jobs to be a greater priority than their families. Forgive them for taking their loved ones for granted. Forgive them for not praying for their family members consistently. Forgive them for strife, anger, envy, jealousy and for verbal or physical abuse within their homes. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, 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 and help me 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.)***

Holy Spirit, help families to not 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.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 147:5, Psalm 145:1, Psalm 8:2-5, Ill John 2, Isaiah 32:18, Isaiah 54:17, Genesis 50:20, Hebrews 10:23, Matthew 6:33, Ezekiel 11:19, Proverbs 2:12, Psalm 17:8 NKJV, Psalm 5:12, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 93:1-2

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