

## Family Worship “Read, Pray, Sing”

As believers, we are all called to worship our God daily. And we are also given the wonderful and joyous task of worshipping Him daily in our homes and with our families. This is known as family worship. Its practice is evident throughout the Bible and family worship can be seen as far back as Genesis when the Lord says of Abraham in Genesis 18:19 “For I have chosen him, *that he command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD...*”

Perhaps the best-known text in the Bible commanding families to teach their children is found in the words of Moses in Deuteronomy 6:7, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words I command you today shall be on your heart. *You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*”

There are many places in scripture that highlight both the importance and the command to teach the things of the Lord to our families. But the truth is, many of us already know we are called to worship God with our families. And oftentimes, we think this is a very difficult task to accomplish. We tend to think we need to be extremely clever and creative, taking hours to come up with a devotional curriculum. We can likely overcomplicate what God has called us to do.

The good news is, God has already given us what we need to accomplish this. Like the early church, all we need is the Word of God, our voices, and the amazing privilege which has been given to us to commune with our Father in prayer. These three elements comprise family worship – “**Read, Pray, and Sing.**” Daily, we read the Bible with our family, we sing songs together to God, and we pray and thank our Lord for his goodness and mercy! It's that simple!

### Family Worship Resources:

- We want to provide our Woodridge Families with resource to equip you as you seek to do family worship regularly in your walk
- Follow this [link to access our shared google folder](#) on family worship. (email Pastor Drew at [dhacker@woodridge.cc](mailto:dhacker@woodridge.cc) to get this information)
- Here you will have access the document above with the simple explanation of how family worship can be adopted and not overcomplicated.
- There is also links to our Spotify playlist “Woodridge Songbook”
- We have also added lyrics and music chords for our song book as well for you to sing to or play. Please feel free to use these resources to compliment your family worship time

## Family Worship - Why it's important and how to do it

"As goes family worship, so goes the home, as goes the home so goes the church, as goes the church, so goes the nation, as goes the nation, so goes the world." Puritan Matthew Henry

"Brethren, I wish it were more common, I wish it were universal, with all Christians to have family prayer. We sometimes hear of children of Christian parents who do not grow up in the fear of God, and we are asked how it is that they turn out so badly. In many, very many cases, I fear there is such a neglect of family worship that its not probable that the children are at all impressed by any piety (being religious or reverent) supposed to be possessed by their parents." Charles Spurgeon

### **3 S's:**

Scripture (Reading, explaining, discussing the Bible)

Supplication (Praying)

Song (Singing worship songs to God)

### **A way to teach prayer to your children and give it structure:**

Adoration (Adoring God for who He is/His attributes)

Confession (Confess your sins before God and your family and ask for forgiveness)

Thanksgiving (Thank God for who He is, what He has done/will do in your life/world)

Supplication (Present your requests to God)

### **Book Resources:**

*Family Worship* by Donald Whitney

*Praying the Bible* by Donald Whitney

*Family Worship* by Joel Beeke

*Family Worship Bible Guide* by Joel Beeke

*Family Shepherds* by Voddie Baucham

*The Reformed Pastor* by Richard Baxter

Trinity Hymnal

G3 Psalms and Hymns to the Living God

Hymns of Grace

### **Doxology**

#### **Verse 1**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Amen.*

#### **Verse 2**

*Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim*

*The power and might of His great Name*

*Let us exalt on bended knee*

*Praise God, the Holy Trinity*

#### **Verse 3**

*Praise to the King His throne transcends*

*His crown and kingdom never end*

*Now and throughout eternity*

*I'll praise the One who died for me*