

Family and Marriage

*Thank the Lord for being our perfect Father, and for giving us the example of what true love is. Ask Him to teach and guide you in learning how to be the person He designed you to be as part of His heavenly family, and also within your earthly family.

*Thank God for the institution of marriage, as an earthly picture of God's love for us and relationship with us. Pray that marriages will be strengthened, and that Jesus would be at the center of the relationship. Pray for wisdom as young people consider marriage, so that they can follow the leading of the Spirit in choosing a spouse. Pray against the attacks of the devil on marriage. Pray that he will not be able to confuse and deceive us, and that our world will move toward a godly understanding of the design for marriage.

*Pray for those struggling in their marriage. Pray that they would know Jesus more deeply, and be able to respond to their spouses in a godly, loving way. Pray for healing where there are wounds and scars. Pray for wisdom, patience, and love to rule their actions. Lift up those believers who are married to non-believers. Pray that the Lord will strengthen them and enable them to live a life that demonstrates God's love, and that He will give them grace to continue to serve and pray for their spouses. Pray that God would protect these relationships from the attacks of the devil.

*Pray for husbands and fathers, that they would understand the importance of their role in the lives of their wives and children, and by the grace of God be able to fulfill that role in a godly way. Pray for wives and mothers, that they will be able to understand their role in the lives of their husbands and children and fulfill that role in a godly way. Pray for children, that they would learn to take the commandment to honor their parents seriously, and that they would be blessed for that.

*Pray for protection and healing for family relationships. May the Lord heal the rifts between family members. Pray that families will be strengthened and bonded together, and that they would grow together in the Lord. And pray that those bonds and relationships will be protected from the attack of the devil.

*Lift up the broken homes, where family has been divided. Pray that God's love would fill the lives of children who are separated from parents, and that God would guide the interactions of divorced or separated parents so that everything can be done in love even if the situation is difficult. Pray a blessing over those who have experienced or are facing a broken family.

Sample Prayer:

Father, thank you so much for your unending love for us, and for your example as the ultimate Father. Lord, I lift up marriages and families to you today. Thank you that you have provided us with marriage as an example of your relationship with us. Father, pour out your love on the marriages that are struggling. Give those in these situations your grace to act in love, with patience. Help them to see each other the way You see them. You are the Healer, Lord, and I ask that you heal the wounds that exist in so many marriages. Protect the children in families where the marriage is struggling Lord. Fill these precious children with your love.

Thank you, Lord for the marriages that are centered on you. Pour out your blessings on these couples, Lord. Draw them closer together by drawing them deeper in to You.

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Lord, give us a deeper understanding of your design and purpose for marriage. All around the world, Father, grow a godly understanding and application of marriage. Help us not to be confused and led astray by the attacks of the devil on marriage. Strengthen marriages worldwide, Lord, and use these marriages to demonstrate your incredible love for us.

Lord, pour out your blessing on families. Where there is pain, hurt, and division among families, bring healing and reconciliation. Restore broken relationships. Pour out your love on family units and grow them together in You. Give husbands and fathers wisdom and strength to live out your call for them in this role. Give wives and mothers strength and wisdom to fulfill the role You have led them into. Bless the children, Lord, and help them to honor and obey their parents. Bless and strengthen families in You, Father. In Jesus' name, amen.