

# That They May Be One

“The Mission of the Family is Guard, Reveal and Communicate Love” - Pope St. John Paul II

## Week Two Daily Reflections - Theme: Raising the Bar

Add these scripture verses and quotes about family life to your daily prayer time.

### Day 1

“Choose today whom you will serve ... As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” - Joshua 24:14-15

“God always knocks at the door of hearts. He likes to do this. It comes from His heart. But, do you know what He likes best? To knock on the doors of families and find families that are united, to find families that love each other, to find the families that bring up their children and educate them and help them to keep going forward and that create a society of goodness, of truth, and of beauty.” - Pope Francis

### Day 2

He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” - Matthew 22:37-38

“No one can think that the weakening of the family as that natural society founded on marriage will prove beneficial to society as a whole. The contrary is true: it poses a threat to the mature growth of individuals, the cultivation of community values and the moral progress of cities and countries.” - Pope Francis AL #52

### Day 3

“When Israel was a child I loved him, ... I took them up in my arms... I led them with cords of compassion with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them” Hosea 11:1,3-4

“The family, which is founded and given life by love, in a community of persons: of husband and wife, of parents and children, of relatives...with love the family is not a community of persons and, in the same way, without love the family cannot love, grow and perfect itself as a community of persons” (FC #18)

### Day 4

“The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.” Gen 2:15

“The LORD God then built the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman. When he brought her to the man, the man said: “This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called ‘woman,’ for out of man this one has been taken.” That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.” Gen 2:22-24



“While it must be recognized that women have the same right as men to perform various public functions, society must be structured in such a way that wives and mothers are not in practice compelled to work outside the home, and that their families can live and prosper in a dignified way even when they themselves devote their full time to their own family” (FC #23).

## Day 5

“What we have heard and know; things our ancestors have recounted to us. We do not keep them from our children; we recount them to the next generation, The praiseworthy deeds of the LORD and his strength, the wonders that he performed. God made a decree in Jacob, established a law in Israel: Which he commanded our ancestors, they were to teach their children; That the next generation might come to know, children yet to be born. In turn they were to recount them to their children, that they too might put their confidence in God, And not forget God's deeds, but keep his commandments.” Psalm 78:3-7

“Thus the little domestic Church, like the greater Church, needs to be constantly and intensely evangelized: hence its duty regarding permanent education in the faith...the family, like the Church, ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates...the future of evangelization depends in great part on the Church of the home” (FC #51-52).

## Day 6

“Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church” Eph 5:25

“Love then is not a utopia: it is given to mankind as a task to be carried out with the help of divine grace. It is entrusted to man and woman, in the sacrament of matrimony, as the basic principle of their ‘duty,’ and it becomes the foundation of their mutual responsibility: first as spouses, then as father and mother. In the celebration of the sacrament, the spouses give and receive each other, declaring their willingness to welcome children and to educate them. On this hinges human civilization, which cannot be defined as anything other than a ‘civilization of love’.” (Letter to Families, # 15)

## Day 7

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” 1 Cor 13:4-8

““Darkness can only be scattered by light, and hatred can only be conquered by love.” “Do not forget that true love sets no conditions. It does not calculate or complain, but simply loves.”- Pope St. John Paul II

