

Week Three Daily Reflections - Theme: Family Prayer

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

Day 1

“Peter thus was being kept in prison, but prayer by the church was fervently being made to God on his behalf.”
- Acts 12:5

“Family prayer has its own characteristic qualities. It is prayer offered in common, husband and wife together, parents and children together...by reason of their dignity and mission, Christian parents have the specific responsibility of educating their children in prayer, introducing them to gradual discovery of the mystery of God and to personal dialogue with Him...”(Familiaris Consortio #59-60).

Day 2

“As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” Acts 4:31

“Do you pray together from time to time as a family?... But how can we? ...But in the family how is this done?... it is also a matter of humility, of realizing that we need God... all of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents....praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.” - Pope Francis

Day 3

“All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” Acts 1:14

“Here is an effective custom for achieving presence of God: your first audience every day should be with Jesus Christ.” St. Josemaria Escriva - Furrow #450

Day 4

“Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:19-20

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” - St. Therese of Lisieux.



Day 5

“When he (Peter) realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who is called Mark, where there were many people gathered in prayer.” Acts 12:12

“Action is worth nothing without prayer: prayer grows in value with sacrifice.” St. Josemaria Escriva - The Way #81

Day 6

“Likewise, you husbands should live with your wives in understanding, showing honor to the weaker female sex, since we are joint heirs of the gift of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.” 1 Peter 3:7

“The Rosary is most effective for those who use their intelligence and their study as a weapon. Because that apparently monotonous way of beseeching Our Lady as children do their Mother, can destroy every seed of vainglory and pride.” St. Josemaria Escriva - Furrow #474

Day 7

“Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; at the same time, pray for us, too, that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak of the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, that I may make it clear, as I must speak.” Colossians 4:3

“It is Jesus who speaks: 'Amen I say to you: ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.' Pray. In what human venture could you have greater guarantees of success?” - St. Josemaria Escriva - The Way #96

