

Week Five Daily Reflections - Theme: A Family of Love

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

Day 1

“Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.”

Colossians 3:18-21

“To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.”

- Pope St. John Paul II, “Homily October 7, 1979”

Day 2

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.”

Colossians 3:12-14

“The unity between the parents is transmitted to their children, to the whole family, and to everyone who is involved in their life. In this way, every truly christian family reproduces in some way the mystery of the Church, chosen by God and sent to be the guide of the world.”

- St. Josemaria Escriva, “Christ is Passing By #30”

Day 3

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”

John 10:10

“It is for themselves that married couples want children; in children they see the crowning of their own love for each other. They want children for the family, as a priceless gift”

- Pope St. John Paul II, “Letter to Families #9”

Day 4

“By these you too once conducted yourselves, when you lived in that way. But now you must put them all away: anger, fury, malice, slander, and obscene language out of your mouths. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.”

Colosians 3:7-10

“Family communion can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice. ”

- Pope St. John Paul II, “Familiaris Consortio #21”



Day 5

“If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.”

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

“The Christian family is also called to experience a new and original communion which confirms and perfects natural and human communion... All members of the family, each according to his or her own gift, have the grace and responsibility of building, day by day, the communion of persons, making the family "a school of deeper humanity": this happens where there is care and love for the little ones, the sick, the aged; where there is mutual service every day; when there is a sharing of goods, of joys and of sorrows.”

- Pope St. John Paul II “Familiar Consortio #21”

Day 6

“Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.””

Luke 23:34

“One of the greatest blessings a family can enjoy is the peace of a stable family life. Unfortunately, however, quite a few families are divided over political or social questions....strive to live together in harmony and to understand and pardon each other. ”

- St. Josemaria Escriva “Conversations #98”

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.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

“The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church His bride.”

- Pope St. John Paul II “Familiar Consortio #17”

