

Week Six Daily Reflections - Theme: Community

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

Day 1

“How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one!”

Psalms 133:1

“The virtuous bond between generations is the guarantee of the future, and is the guarantee of a truly humane society. A society with children who do not honor parents is a society without honor... It is a society destined to be filled with surly and greedy young people.”

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia #189

Day 2

“What we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”

1 John 1:3

“The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy”.

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia #290

Day 3

“Two are better than one: They get a good wage for their toil. If the one falls, the other will help the fallen one. But woe to the solitary person! If that one should fall, there is no other to help. So also, if two sleep together, they keep each other warm. How can one alone keep warm? Where one alone may be overcome, two together can resist. A three-ply cord is not easily broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

“[The wider family] should also embrace “even those who have made ship-wreck of their lives” and may also help make up for the shortcomings of parents, detect and report possible situations in which children suffer violence and even abuse, and provide wholesome love and family stability in cases when parents prove incapable of this.”

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia #197



Day 4

“We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, cheer the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient with all. See that no one returns evil for evil; rather, always seek what is good [both] for each other and for all.”

1 Thessalonians 5:14

“Friends and other families are part of this larger family, as well as communities of families who support one another in their difficulties, their social commitments and their faith.”

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* #196

Day 5

“Iron is sharpened by iron; one person sharpens another.”

Proverbs 27:17

“The elderly help us to appreciate “the continuity of the generations”, by their “charism of bridging the gap”. Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and “many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents”.”

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* #192

Day 6

“So that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:25-27

“This larger family should provide love and support to teenage mothers, children without parents, single mothers left to raise children, persons with disabilities needing particular affection and closeness, young people struggling with addiction, the unmarried, separated or widowed who are alone, and the elderly and infirm who lack the support of their children. ”

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* #197

Day 7

“Rather, living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body’s growth and builds itself up in love.”

Ephesians 4:15-16

“The nuclear family needs to interact with the wider family made up of parents, aunts and uncles, cousins and even neighbors. This greater family may have members who require assistance, or at least companionship and affection, or consolation amid suffering.”

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* #187

