

Praying for Your Family

Forty Days of Prayer

God loves your family more than you do. You can bring their deepest needs to Him in prayer and know that He is more concerned than you are. We encourage you to make a concerted effort to spend the next forty days lifting your family members to God in prayer. We are providing you with a simple guide to help you to know how to pray for your family. There may be other Scriptures or needs beyond what we have mentioned. Take the liberty to use those Bible passages in praying for your family. The important thing to remember is that God wants you praying for your family.

Please write in the name of your family member/s in the first line. We have provided specific needs for which you can pray. You will find a verse that speaks to that need and then a short message instructing you how to pray for them. You can pray for different family members on different days or pray for all of them every day. Allow God to lead you as you use this guide. May God bless you and your family richly during these next forty days.

Week 1

Day 1: Name/s

Verse: Ps 139:23-24 - Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

Pray for God to prepare the hearts of your family members during the next forty days. Ask Him to plow the ground and make the spiritual soil fertile and produce rich and wonderful spiritual fruit in their lives.

Day 2: Name/s

Verse: John 6:44 - "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Ask God to draw your family member/s to Himself. If they have never given their hearts to Christ, ask Him to lead them to a personal relationship with Christ. If they do know Christ, ask God to draw them into a new and intimate walk with Him.

Day 3: Name/s

Verse: Acts 16:31 - They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Pray that your family members will know God's salvation and forgiveness. Ask God to bring every member of your house into a personal relationship with Christ.

Day 4: Name/s

Verse: Romans 10: 17 - So faith {comes} from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Ask God to speak to your family's heart through His word. Ask God to give them faith to believe that He is able to work in their lives.

Day 5: Name/s

Verse: John 15:16 - "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and {that} your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

Ask God to enable your family to experience a personal relationship with Christ that would be lasting and produce much spiritual fruit in their lives.

Week 2

Day 6: Name/s

Verse: Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Ask God to make your family members wise. Ask God to grant them wisdom in every decision that they make and they would reverence (fear) Him.

Day 7: Name/s

Verse: Proverbs 3:5, 6 - Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Pray that your family members will learn to trust God, even when the circumstances seem difficult. Ask God to help them to acknowledge Him in the middle of their problems.

Day 8: Name/s

Verse: Proverbs 19:1 - Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool.

Ask God to make your family members people of integrity. Pray that they will have the grace to integrate what they believe with how they live.

Day 9: Name/s

Verse: Ephesians 5:18 - And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.

Pray that the lives of your family members will come under the control of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to manifest the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Day 10: Name/s

Verse: 2 Peter 1:5 - Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in {your} moral excellence, knowledge....

Pray that your family members will become people of moral excellence. Ask God to turn their faith into practical morality.

Week 3

Day 11: Name/s

Verse: 1 Sam 1:27-28 "For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

Surrender your family members to God. Trust God with their lives and allow Him today to have ultimate responsibility for their future.

Day 12: Name/s

Verse: Romans 8:29 - For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined {to become} conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

Claim God's promise that His will for your family members is to be conformed into the image of Christ. Ask God to make that a reality in their lives. Pray that they would become more like Jesus every day.

Day 13: Name/s

Verse: Matt 22:37-38 - And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." "This is the great and foremost commandment."

Ask God to work in the lives of your family members in such a deep way that they would love God with their whole hearts. Pray that they put Him first in all that they say and do.

Day 14: Name/s

Verse: Psalms 1:1, 2 - How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

Pray that God would bring friends into their lives that would cause your family members to think deeply about God's word. Ask God to allow circumstances that would cause them to know God's direction for their lives.

Day 15: Name/s

Verse: Ps 37:4 - Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Ask God to work in your family members' lives in such a way that they will desire what He desires. Ask God to give them a heart after His heart.

Day 16: Name/s

Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."

Pray that God would lead your family members in decisions that will affect their future. Pray especially for decisions about marriage. Ask God to help family members who will be married in the future. Ask God to protect and guide their decision making and to give them hope for the future.

Week 4

Day 17: Name/s

Verse: I John 1:8 - If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Ask God to give your family members a transparent and honest heart. Pray that they would be honest with themselves and honest with God. Pray that God would reveal any blind spots of sin in their hearts.

Day 18: Name/s

Verse: I John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pray that your family members will be quick to confess any wrongs in their lives and experience the joy of being cleansed by God and knowing His forgiveness.

Day 19: Name/s

Verse: John 15:12 - "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Pray that your family members would develop a deep love for other Christians and that they would live with love in their hearts for others. Pray that there would be no broken relationships between them and others who know and love the Lord.

Day 20: Name/s

Verse: Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Ask God to give your family members a tender heart and a forgiving spirit when others wrong them. Ask God to give them the grace to draw from His well of forgiveness to forgive those who have hurt them.

Day 21: Name/s

Verse: Hebrews 12:15 - See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

Ask God to protect your family members from any root of bitterness. Ask God to fill their hearts with grace and peace. Pray that they would be able to forgive others, even as they have been forgiven.

Day 22: Name/s

Verse: 1Thes 5:13 - and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

Pray that God would allow your family members to live in peace with each other and with those outside your family. Ask God to fill their hearts with a deep love for others.

Week 5

Day 23: Name/s

Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if anyone is in Christ, {he is} a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Ask God to enable your family members to live by the power of the new person in Christ they have become and not to go back to the “old things.” Ask God to show them their worth and value in Christ.

Day 24: Name/s

Verse: 2 Corinthians 10:5 - {We are} destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and {we are} taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Ask God to give your family members the grace to bring all of their thought patterns into obedience to God’s thoughts and heart for their lives. Pray that they will choose to fill their thoughts with things that please God.

Day 25: Name/s

Verse: Romans 12:2 - And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Pray that your family members' lives would be changed by renewing their minds. Pray that they would not be conformed to the thought patterns of the world, but would meditate on the Word of God.

Day 26: Name/s

Verse: I John 4:4 - You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

Ask God to give victory in the lives of your family members. Pray that they would experience the power of the indwelling presence of Christ and that He would give them victory over Satan, the world, and the flesh.

Day 27: Name/s

Verse: 3 John 1:4 - I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

Pray that God will place joy in your heart by hearing that your family members are walking and living in the truth of God's word. Ask Him to give them great grace and strength to live by God's truth.

Day 28: Name/s

Verse: Psalms 19:14 - Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

Pray that your family members would develop speech and thought patterns that would please God. Ask God to remind them of His goodness and grace. Pray that their minds would be filled with good thoughts.

Week 6

Day 29: Name/s

Verse: 1 Peter 4:13 - but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

Ask God to turn the pain and hurts in your family members' lives into joy. Pray that He will turn trouble into triumph. Ask Him to replace the pain with the knowledge of His glory.

Day 30: Name/s

Verse: James 5:16-18 - Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

Ask God to make your family members people of prayer. Ask God to touch their hearts and show them the need of prayer in their lives. Ask God to use them as a people of prayer.

Day 31: Name/s

Verse: Romans 8:28 - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to {His} purpose.

Ask God to turn the difficult circumstances in your family members' lives into something good. Pray that the problems of their lives will produce a deeper love for Jesus than they have known before.

Day 32: Name/s

Verse: Psalms 16:11 - You will make known to me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of joy; in your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Ask God to make known His presence to your family members. Pray that they will experience the joy of being in God's presence.

Day 33: Name/s

Verse: Colossians 3:15 - Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Pray that your family members will allow God's peace to rule in their hearts in every circumstance that they face. Ask God to fill them with His peace.

Day 34: Name/s

Verse: John 15:14 - "You are My friends if you do what I command you."

Pray that your family members will develop a consistent walk with God. Pray that God will see them as His friends. Ask God to give them a heart of obedience.

Week 7

Day 35: Name/s

Verse: Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Ask God to make your family members courageous for Christ. Ask God to give them boldness to share their faith in Christ with others.

Day 36: Name/s

Verse: Psalms 1:1-3 - He will be like a tree {firmly} planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

Pray that your family members' lives will produce spiritual fruit that remains. Pray that they will stay grow in their faith.

Day 37: Name/s

Verse: 1Thessalonians 5:24 - Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

Pray that God will bring to pass all that He has called your family members to become and to do. Trust in the faithfulness of God, even when you don't see it.

Day 38: Name/s

Verse: Matthew 21:22 - "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Ask God for the impossible in your family members' lives. Pray that He will do what you are not able to accomplish. Ask Him for great things in their lives.

Day 39: Name/s

Verse: Philippians 1:6 - {For I am} confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Trust God to complete the work He has begun in your family members lives during these last several weeks. Ask Him to continue His work in their lives.

Day 40: Name/s

Verse: Ephesians 3:20-21 - Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him {be} the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Ask God to do much more than you have been able pray for and even imagine in your family members' lives. Ask Him to work in them beyond your limited ability to grasp His will and thank Him for all that He has done and will do.