

Families, Pray for Our Nation

Seven Centers of Influence



Serving Leaders in Life

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Pastor: Do you want to make a difference in your family, while sheltered in place during this pandemic? Consider using this simple, eight-day family prayer guide to bring your family closer together and closer to God. Beginning on Thursday, April 30, and leading to the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7, your prayers will focus on seven centers of influence that shape our culture and society for good or for evil.

We recommend you gather your family together, read the passage of Scripture, ask the questions, discuss, and then pray. This will be a fun time of generating discussions, sharing thoughts, and then praying. Your prayers do not have to be elaborate. They really need to be simple prayers, even sentence prayers. You may be hesitant because you have never done this before. Trust God to help draw you closer to one another and to Him.

Here are some simple guidelines:

- Set a regular time of day that works best for your family.
- Ask God to help you and bless this time. You may also pray for thousands of others like yourself who are leading their families in prayer, during this crisis.
- Smile and have a good time. Your family will follow your lead.
- Ask someone to begin with prayer. The first time, you may want to pray a short simple prayer as a model for your family.
- Ask someone to read the Bible passage for the day. You can change who reads each time so that everyone feels included.





- Follow the guide. Remember, these questions are designed to include everyone, and everyone will have different answers. Thank and affirm people when they share.
- The first one or two may be a little awkward if you have never done something like this, but it will become easier and easier. Start praying for the family as the center of influence in our culture. This will facilitate real discussion.
- If you miss a day, do not stress. You can “catch up” after the National Day of Prayer.
- You may want to let your older children lead some prayer times. This builds leadership and participation.
- Some in your family may not want to pray out loud. Give permission to pray silently. God still hears!
- When you finish, thank everyone. If you feel led, pray a simple prayer of thanksgiving for each of your family members. Ask God to bless them and your family.
- On Thursday, May 7, we invite your family to join Christians across the nation in the National Day of Prayer service at 8:00 p.m. EST.

<https://www.facebook.com/natlprayer/>

<https://www.god.tv/live-us/>

<https://www.daystar.com/>

<https://www.moodyradio.org/>



Day 1: Praying for Family

Getting Started: Someone pray. Ask God to reveal His truth through the Bible. Ask Him to guide you to pray according to His will.

Bible Truths: Listen as God's Word is read. What meaningful truths do you learn from this Scripture that can guide your prayers? Read Luke 11:1–13 and discuss what you heard that was meaningful. (You may want to read the scripture a second time to catch things you may have missed.)

Center of Influence: Family

1. This center of influence includes such people as fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and other extended family members. Name some of the people who are in your own family's circle of influence (like uncles, in-laws, or cousins).
2. Describe ways you have been helped or influenced by a family member or the ministry and example of another family.
3. What challenges and needs are families experiencing today? Name as many as you can recall in a couple of minutes. Include such things as lack of food, loss of a job, safety, stressful relationships, grief, and so forth.
4. How can families have an influence for good or bad in our world?

Prayer Points for Family: Take turns praying sentence prayers. Thank God for the ministry and influence of your own family members and other families. Pray for families in our country and families you know. Use some of the following prayer points or pray your own.

- Provision
- Protection
- Wisdom
- Creativity
- Peace
- Truth
- Courage
- Boldness
- Honesty
- Holiness
- Humility
- Forgiveness
- Purity
- Correction
- Conviction of sin
- Comfort in sorrow or loss
- Service to others
- Encouragement
- Healthy Relationships
- Encounter with Jesus
- Love for others

Personal Prayer for Your Family: Ask each member of your family (one at a time), "How may we pray for you?" Make this a personal request, not just for someone you know. Then have someone pray for his or her request. Let the oldest person (or a volunteer) go first.

This is only the beginning. [Click here](#) to view a video introduction by David Franklin, National Day of Prayer State Coordinator for Georgia and [access the full prayer guide](#) that includes praying for the church, business, education, arts/media/entertainment, military, and government. Other resources like the Discovery Bible Series are accessible for more family adventures.

