

FOR OUR FAMILIES

“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.”

Ephesians 3:14-15

Dear heavenly Father,

I pray for my family.

I pray for our children who need your protection and whose hearts and minds are developing every day in ways hidden from our eyes. Help us to live in grace and truth so that our influence in their lives will provide them with mercy and righteousness. Protect them at school, at home, on the playground, and when they are with friends. Help our children to know of your fatherly care.

We need help in our marriages, O God. Help us to have respect for each other and love that inspires us to serve one another. May we forbear each others' minor faults, and forgive each other our sins. Help us to understand each other. Help us to be honest. Give us patience and hope.

We pray for all the families in our communities and in our nation. We are grieved that the ideal of the family is long-forgotten in so many places. Our families need to be revived, dear God. May it begin with us.

Amen.