



# FAMILY PRAYER GUIDE

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**HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:** Gather your family — wherever you are today. Take turns reading the scriptures out loud. Use the prayer points as a guide, not a script. Let the kids talk to God in their own words. And remember: the most patriotic thing a family can do is pray.

## GRATITUDE FOR FREEDOM

**Scripture** | Galatians 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

**Devotional** | As we celebrate Independence Day, we remember the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. We are thankful for the men and women who have sacrificed to protect those freedoms. But even greater than political freedom is the freedom we have through Jesus Christ. Because of His love and sacrifice, we are forgiven, redeemed, and invited to live as children of God.

This week let's thank God for both the blessings of our nation and the eternal freedom found in Christ.

### Prayer Points:

- Thank God for the freedom to gather, worship, and pray as a family without fear.
- Thank Him for the sacrifice of those who have served and died to protect this country.
- Praise God that true freedom begins with Him — not a government, not a document.

**Kids' Question** | Can you think of something about living in America that you're thankful for? Tell God about it in your own words!

## PRAYING FOR OUR COUNTRY

**Scripture** | 1 Timothy 2:1–2 "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

**Devotional** | It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the state of our nation. Division, distrust, and discouragement are loud right now. But God has not left the building. Scripture doesn't tell us to fix our country — it tells us to pray for it. Prayer is not a last resort; it's the first and most powerful thing the Church can do. When we intercede for our leaders, our communities, and the next generation, we are doing something that legislation and politics never can: inviting God into the conversation.

Today, don't just celebrate America — contend for it.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for our President, Congress, and Supreme Court — that God would give them wisdom, humility, and a fear of the Lord.
- Pray for unity in a divided nation. Ask God to heal what politics cannot.
- Pray for local leaders — mayors, sheriffs, teachers, and community voices — who shape daily life closest to home.
- Ask God to protect the next generation from hopelessness and raise up young men and women of character.
- Pray for revival — that the Church would be the light this country needs most.

**Kids' Question** | Do you know who the President is? Did you know God tells us to pray for him? Let's ask God to help him make good decisions today.

## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

**Scripture** | John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

**Devotional** | Every freedom we enjoy today came at a cost someone else paid. The men and women who have served in our military, and those currently deployed far from home, have put their lives between us and danger. First responders do the same thing every shift. Behind each of them is a family — a spouse holding things together, kids counting the days until mom or dad comes home, and parents who pray every night for a phone call. Today is a day to celebrate — but it's also a day to remember. Take a moment as a family to honor those who serve by lifting them up to the One who holds every life in His hands.

**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for the men and women currently deployed — that God would protect them, give them peace, and bring them home safely.
- Pray for military families — spouses and kids who carry the weight of separation.
- Pray for veterans who carry wounds, visible and invisible. Ask God to bring healing and purpose.
- Pray for police officers, firefighters, and first responders working today while others celebrate.

**Kids' Question** | Do you know someone in the military or who is a police officer or firefighter? Let's say their name and pray for God to keep them safe today.

## OUR FAMILY

**Scripture** | Joshua 24:15 "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

**Devotional** | Joshua said these words at the end of his life, looking back on everything God had brought his family through. He wasn't making a wish — he was making a declaration. He had seen enough of God's faithfulness to plant a flag and say: this is who we are. This is what we stand for.

Your family gets to make that same declaration today. Not because you're perfect, but because God is faithful. The greatest gift you can give your kids isn't a good neighborhood or a college fund — it's a home where they watch their parents choose God, day after day. That's the legacy worth building.

### Prayer Points:

- Pray that your family would be marked by love, not just liberty — that freedom leads you toward God, not away from Him.
- Ask God to strengthen your home and make it a place of safety, truth, and grace.
- Pray over each person in the room by name. Ask God to guide them in the year ahead.
- Declare together: "As for our family — we will serve the Lord."

**Kids' Question** | If you could ask God for one thing for our family this year, what would it be? Let's all take a turn and then pray it together!

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

Have one person close by praying this declaration over your family:

"God, we are grateful. We are not a perfect nation, but You are a perfect King. We don't put our hope in flags or leaders — we put our hope in You. Bless this country. Bless this family. Use us for Your glory. Amen."

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