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# forward in *Faith*



A FAMILY GUIDE  
FOR GROWING TOGETHER

# Families

## in the 21st Century

Families are as beautifully diverse as the people in them—each with their own joys and heartaches, strengths, and struggles. *Forward in Faith* is for Christian families to deepen their faith and strengthen their bond. The Bible shows us that families are a blessing and a powerful tool through which God accomplishes His purposes.

From the very beginning, God designed the family to reflect His heart. Through our relationships—marriage, parenting, caregiving, and even conflict—we have the opportunity to demonstrate the grace, forgiveness, and love found in Christ. The Bible gives us a timeless and unshakable foundation for building homes filled with faith, hope, and love in every season and circumstance.

God invites each of us into His spiritual family through faith in Jesus, shaping us daily to love and serve those closest to us.

This resource is a gentle invitation to grow together in Christ. Whether your family is large or small, blended or traditional, near or far, God longs to meet you right where you are. Each day includes Scripture, reflection, and a prayer to help you build a nurturing home that honors Him.

May you be encouraged and equipped to move forward together in faith.

Laying  
a *strong*  
foundation





## KEY SCRIPTURE

**So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.**

—Genesis 1:27

## MEDITATION

Every family begins with a foundation. In His wisdom, God laid that foundation by creating us in His image. That truth gives every family member infinite worth and value. As we honor God in our homes, we reflect His love through our words, actions, and relationships. A Christ-centered family isn't about perfection but intention—choosing grace over blame, humility over pride, and truth over trends. When we build our lives on God's Word, we create a home where love is rooted in something eternal, and a strong foundation of faith is laid.

## REFLECTION

- What are ways you can better reflect God's character in your role in your family?
- What are some new ways your family could honor God?

## PRAYER

*Lord, You are the foundation of our lives. Help us build our family on Your truth and grace. Teach us to love as You love, to forgive as You forgive, and to see each other through Your eyes. Be the center of our home. Amen.*

Living out  
your *Faith* daily





## KEY SCRIPTURE

**Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.** —Matthew 5:16

## MEDITATION

Faith is not just a belief; it's a way of life. It shows up in how we speak, respond, and serve. At home, faith is often caught more than it is taught—woven into everyday moments like mealtime prayers, hard conversations, and shared laughter.

As we seek to follow Christ daily, we help one another see what it means to walk in the light. When we make mistakes, taking ownership, confessing, and repenting helps us grow as a family and shows a watching world what it looks like to walk in God's mercy and grace. When families live with consistency and compassion, others take notice—and God gets the glory.

## REFLECTION

- What actions can you identify in your own behavior that you would not want to pass on to others in your family? What would you like that specific action to look like in the future?
- How can your family create intentional habits that reflect your faith every day?

## PRAYER

*Father, may our lives be a living testimony of Your love and grace. Help us to walk with integrity and kindness in every moment. Teach us to bring You into the ordinary places of our day. Amen.*

Facing  
challenges  
with *Faith*





## KEY SCRIPTURE

**The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection.** —Psalm 18:2

## MEDITATION

Every family faces storms—financial stress, illness, broken relationships—but every family can face them with hope. God is with you whether you're navigating illness, loss, strained relationships, or financial burdens. He doesn't ask us to face our trials alone. Instead, He invites us to surrender, to resist the enemy's lies, and to cling to His promises. Storms may come, but the Rock remains. Together, as we pray and press into God's Word, we can face whatever comes with courage rooted in Christ.

## REFLECTION

- When you face difficulties, what is your natural reaction?  
What changes do you need to make so that going to God is your first response?
- What burdens can your family bring to the Lord together today?

## PRAYER

*Lord, You are our fortress. Teach us to trust You when life feels uncertain. Strengthen our hearts and unite our family in faith. Give us eyes to see Your hand at work, even in difficulty. Amen.*



building  
*healthy*  
relationships



## KEY SCRIPTURE

**And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. —Luke 15:20**

## MEDITATION

At the heart of every strong family is grace. The story of the prodigal son reminds us that no one is too far gone to come home—and no act of love is wasted. God's love for us is unconditional, and He wants us to model that love to one another.

Healthy family relationships require forgiveness, humility, and patience. It's not about having all the answers but about being present with open hearts. As we extend God's compassion to one another, we create space for healing and restoration. It's never too late to start cultivating a safe environment where every family member feels heard and respected.

## REFLECTION

- Who in your home or extended family needs to hear words of grace today from you?
- What actions can you and your family take to cultivate a safe environment of mutual respect?

## PRAYER

*Father, thank You for loving us with compassion and never giving up on us. Help us to be quick to forgive and slow to anger. Let our home be filled with relationships that mirror Your mercy and kindness. Amen.*



praying  
*together*



## KEY SCRIPTURE

**Never stop praying.** —1 Thessalonians 5:17

## MEDITATION

Prayer is the lifeline of every family. Through it, we invite God's presence into our circumstances.

Prayer changes things. It isn't about perfection—it's about connection with our heavenly Father. Praying as a family, even in small ways, builds trust and unity. Those rhythms create sacred space, whether it's a whispered prayer before school or a moment of thanks at dinner. Don't underestimate the power of consistent, heartfelt prayer—especially when it's shared.

## REFLECTION

- How are you modeling a healthy and active prayer life?
- What's one simple way you can add more prayer to your family's routine?

## PRAYER

*God, thank You for hearing us when we pray. Help us to be faithful in praising You and lifting up our needs—and the needs of others—to You. Make our home a place of prayer, peace, and purpose. Amen.*



praying  
*for our*  
homes, schools,  
and communities



## KEY SCRIPTURE

**But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! –Galatians 5:22-23**

## MEDITATION

We all live in communities with schools, workplaces, and governments. As God's children, we are responsible for being a light for our community and a catalyst for God's goodness to permeate the hearts of those around us and draw others to Him.

We cannot witness what it means to live a faith-filled life unless the Holy Spirit works within us. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. He produces this good fruit within us as we draw closer to Him. Scripture says there is no law against them because they are good.

Imagine what it would be like if the fruit of God's Spirit influenced and changed our whole culture. Pray for it to happen. Pray with authority because we have it in the name of Jesus Christ! Prayer changes everything.

## REFLECTION

- What area of your community will you commit to intentionally pray for God to transform?
- What actions can your family take to demonstrate God's love, compassion, and mercy in your community?

## PRAYER

*Lord, help our community be receptive to Your Holy Spirit. Bring light to our schools, workplaces, and government in ways only You can. Help us remember to pray for this bigger picture as we seek to grow closer to You. Amen.*



leading  
*spiritually*  
at home



## KEY SCRIPTURE

**Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. —Deuteronomy 6:7**

## MEDITATION

We don't need a pulpit to lead spiritually—just a willing heart. God has entrusted parents and caregivers to be the first teachers of faith, but He uses each family member to encourage and inspire one another. Spiritual leadership starts with intentionality: reading the Bible together, asking questions, and sharing stories of God's faithfulness.

Each day presents opportunities for us to notice and point out God's creation, mercies, and ways. When we make them part of our conversations with those around us, we point to the leader of our lives and encourage others to allow Him to lead them too.

And when we fall short, humility can be just as powerful as our teaching. Leading with love leaves a lasting legacy.

## REFLECTION

- What small step can you take to lead your family spiritually this week?
- How can you encourage family members to identify their strengths and use them to honor God?

## PRAYER

*Lord, help us to guide our family in Your truth. Give us wisdom to lead well and grace to learn as we go. May our home reflect Your presence in all we do. Amen.*



making your  
home a *haven*  
of joy



## KEY SCRIPTURE

**Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!**

—Philippians 4:4

## MEDITATION

Joy isn't about everything going right—it's about trusting the One who holds it all together. Happiness is not joy. Joy comes from the Lord's deep, abiding presence that helps us know that He is with us and everything will be okay. Happiness comes from external circumstances and is fleeting like the wind.

A joyful home welcomes God's presence and celebrates His goodness. It's a place where gratitude is practiced, laughter is shared, and burdens are carried together. When we choose joy, especially in difficulty—we point our families toward a deeper hope. And when we rejoice in the Lord, we build a home that overflows with His light and love.

## REFLECTION

- How can you choose joy in the face of life's disappointments?
- Is there someone in your family who exudes joy? What can you and other family members learn from the way they live?

## PRAYER

*Jesus, thank You for being the source of our joy. Teach us to count our blessings and to rejoice in every season. Let our home be a sanctuary of peace, gratitude, and celebration of Your goodness. Amen.*





*If you need prayer*

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