

Prayers for Our Church Family

Faith, love, and hope are the ties that bind our many different types of church families together. This month we will pray for never-married, divorced, and widowed singles, empty nesters, couples with and without children, single-parents, stepfamilies, and foster families. Looking to strengthen your family's faith journey? Adopt the covenant listed below for at least 30 days.

In order that our family may be one that promotes love with one another, we promise to:

1. Seek God's presence together through regular Bible study, reflection, and prayer.
2. Love one another unconditionally, just as God loves us.
3. Praise and lift up family members when their actions show God's love for others.
4. Volunteer as a family at a shelter, food pantry, or other place within the community that shows God's love to needy individuals.
5. Share at least one family meal per week. If family is not in the same location, choose a common day for a meal each week. As you dine separately, pray for one another or together by phone.
6. Seek out and share stories about love taking place in churches, schools, workplaces, and homes.

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*Therefore, as we have opportunity,
let us do good to all people,
especially to those who belong to
the family of believers.*

Galatians 6:10

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<p>1 God, we commend to your care families in our congregations, community, and world. <i>Gen. 1:26-28</i></p>	<p>2 God, we pray our families will confess and repent of their sins. Help us to follow in Jesus' footsteps. <i>Acts 8:22</i></p>	<p>3 God, enable our churches to support families in their faith journey through programs, parenting classes, worship opportunities, learning activities, and prayer. <i>Acts 9:31</i></p>	<p>4 God, we plead for revival in our marriages and for strong godly families in our church to be a living reality. <i>Lev. 25:10</i></p>	<p>5 God, we pray that our never-married, widowed, and divorced singles will be loved and cared for by their church, family, and friends. <i>1 Cor. 7:8</i></p>	<p>6 God, we pray empty nesters and couples without children will grow in their faith, maintain a devotional life, study scripture, and serve their church and community. <i>Luke 17:5</i></p>	<p>7 God, we pray for couples with children asking that the routines of meal and bedtime prayers open the door to rich family devotional time. <i>Prov. 22:6</i></p>
<p>8 God, we pray for unity among step-families and single-parent families. Preserve their family devotional time as they juggle commitments and visitation issues. <i>1 Pet. 3:8</i></p>	<p>9 God, we lift up foster families. May they establish and maintain patterns for sharing their faith as children and youth enter and exit their home. <i>Acts 6:2-7</i></p>	<p>10 God, may our homes be a place for living in the light of God's love and for daily practicing our Christian faith. <i>1 John 4:7-13</i></p>	<p>11 God, we pray for those homes where instead of love there is hurt, abuse, and suffering. <i>Isa. 49:13</i></p>	<p>12 God, thank you for the commandments to love you and to love others. Help us recall your words and demonstrate love in our homes and communities. <i>Mark 12:30-31</i></p>	<p>13 God, may our families love each other with a deep, unconditional love. Remove anything that might hinder us from loving each other. <i>1 Cor. 13:4-8</i></p>	<p>14 God, may our families seek to encourage one another and act in ways that help those around us know the true meaning of love. <i>1 Thess. 5:11</i></p>
<p>15 God, give each family member a hunger for and the ability to hear and obey the Word of God. <i>James 1:21-25</i></p>	<p>16 God, help our families keep your commandments. Grant us the ability to impress them on our children. <i>Deut. 6:6-8</i></p>	<p>17 God, we plead for each family member to know Christ. Teach us to have a servant's heart. <i>Mark 10:45</i></p>	<p>18 God, create in our families a longing to follow Jesus and to faithfully serve in our church and community. <i>Mark 8:34-38</i></p>	<p>19 God, instill in each family member a burning desire to be still and know that you are God. <i>Ps. 46:10</i></p>	<p>20 God, may our families seek your presence through regular Bible study, reflection, and prayer time. <i>Ps. 9:10</i></p>	<p>21 God, grant our families a heart for prayer and a desire to faithfully maintain our prayer lives. <i>Luke 18:1, Col. 4:2</i></p>
<p>22 God, release a spirit of prayer in our families. May we rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in everything. <i>1 Thes. 5:16-18</i></p>	<p>23 God, we plead that our church families will introduce others to Jesus. <i>Matt. 28:19-20</i></p>	<p>24 God, we pray that our families will be witnesses for Christ both with our lives and our lips. <i>Acts 1:8</i></p>	<p>25 God, give our families boldness in standing for Jesus Christ. Remove anything that would hinder us from being powerful witnesses. <i>Matt. 10:27</i></p>	<p>26 God, protect our families from the enemy. Help us put on the full armor of God so that we can stand against the devil's schemes. <i>Eph. 6:10-20</i></p>	<p>27 God, bless our church families as we struggle to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. <i>Luke 12:22-40</i></p>	<p>28 God, forgive those who hurt our families. Teach us to walk in forgiveness, and to love even our enemies. <i>Luke 17:14</i></p>
<p>29 God, thank you for the witness of families in the Bible who help us understand that we do not have to be perfect. <i>2 Cor. 12:9</i></p>	<p>30 God, may your grace and mercy be present in our families. Teach us to bear one another's burdens with a spirit of gentleness. <i>Gal. 6:1-2</i></p>	<p>31 God, grant us wisdom and courage. May we honor everyone, love the family of believers, and fear God. <i>1 Pet. 2:17</i></p>				 <p>www.ngumc.org</p>