

## **THE FAMILY**

The family is a heavenly invention, not an earthly one.

Scripture says, "14 For this reason I kneel before the Father,  
15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name." Eph. 3:14-15

Every family in heaven and on earth is called a family because God gives it that name. It is amazing that all around the world, in every country, languages, cultures and in every society, the family unit exists.

Family is the most important thing in any man or woman life. Family is the first source of support and security, love and understanding, protection and help in any human life.

**Let together thank God for our Families and for the health He has given us.**

**Let us thank Him for always being with us.**

**Oh Lord, may your presence and your mercy never depart from us in Jesus name.**

The Family is usually a husband and a wife (which make up what is called the 'Parents') and some children living together. The family is Parents (in some cases, Parent – either only father or only mother) and or without Children, and/or including adopted children living together.

We do not choose the family to come out from neither do we choose members of the family we find ourselves

Isaiah 45:4

New International Version

For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honour, though you do not acknowledge me.

King James Bible

For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

The Family is one of God's great gifts to humanity. God surnamed us all

**Oh Lord, I bless the name you have surnamed me into  
I bless my Parents in the family you have placed me into  
I bless the members of the family you have placed me  
into**

**in Joshua 24:15, Joshua declared that him and his family  
will serve the Lord.**

**Oh Lord, I pray that my family will not be led away from  
you.**

**I pray that every single member of my family will be  
kept under your banner and in your refuge**

**I pray that we will always serve and worship you in  
Jesus name.**

**Oh Lord, I pray for peace and protection in my family.  
I pray that we will make good progress and steps and  
we will not stumble.**

**Oh Lord I ask for your provision and I pray that you keep  
us from lack in the name of Jesus.**

Prayer for Family has great positive effect. Only by praying, possibilities are reached. Peace is achieved, progress and any positive impact on your family.

Bible proves, that constant prayers really can make changes in each family and in members lives. Here are some examples:

**Putting Biblical scriptures into FAMILY PRAYERS....**

Genesis 25:21-22 says, "21 Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. 22 The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord."

**Oh Lord, I ask in your name please take away every form of bareness/childlessness from my family**

**Oh Lord, we pray for clarity and way forward in every confusing project within the family.**

1 Chronicles 16:43 "Then all the people left, each for his own home, and David returned home to bless his family".

**Oh Lord, give me the grace and power to always bless my family and cause them**

**Oh Lord, may my presence bring blessings to my family and not cause.**

2 Timothy 1:16 "May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains".

**Oh Lord, in any way I have refused to identify with leadership and the chains they are in for your gospel sake – FORGIVE ME and have mercy on my family.**

"Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you," (Exodus 23:25)

**I declare an end to diseases and sicknesses in my family. We live in health because health is ours and it is your will for us to be well.**

**I immune and vaccinate my family with the blood of Jesus Christ. No plague shall come near our dwellings, in Jesus name.**

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

**Oh Lord, the earth is yours and its fullness. I pray the fullness of the earth comes to me and my family.**

**I declare that our financial needs are amply supplied in the name of Jesus. We have enough to eat and to give to others in need.**

“There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.” (Psalm 91:10)

**Lord, your word declares that no evil shall befall me and neither shall any plague come near my household. This promise Lord is for me and my family. I therefore join my words with your Word in faith, and declare that my family is shielded and protected from every evil, attack, plagues and pestilence.**

“Once more a remnant of the kingdom of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above.” (Isaiah 37:31)

**Oh Lord, I pray and declare that my family, every member of my family is breaking forth this season, in the name of Jesus.**

**I declare fruitfulness, new heights and new ground.**

**I rebuke stagnation, delays and failures.**

**I receive for all members of my family wisdom, understanding, favour, relationships and divine connection that make for breakthroughs, in Jesus name.**

“And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.” (Joel 2:25)

**Lord, restore us as you have said. Bring my family back to glory, power and purpose, in Jesus name.**

**Help us to retrace our steps and to get it right at this time.**

**Have mercy upon us Lord and bring us again to opportunities and places of abundance, flourishing, increase and prosperity as in days gone by.**

**Fill us Oh Lord, afresh with your Spirit Lord, in Jesus name.**

“Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.’ ... And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. (Isaiah 8:18, 54:13)

**Oh Lord, I declare that all my children shall be taught of you, and great shall be their peace.**

**I declare that they shall all turn out well and right in life, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**I declare that they are for signs and for wonders in this life. No evil shall befall them.**

**They are the seed of the righteous, they shall be mighty on earth.**

**I receive for them long life, health and prosperity. Not any of them shall die young and premature, in Jesus name.**

“And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” (Acts 16:31)

**Lord, I pray for the salvation of every unsaved member of my family**

**Oh Lord, meet with them, and bring them to the knowledge of the truth in Christ Jesus**

**I rebuke every blinding demon that is holding their understanding from seeing the light of the gospel, in Jesus name.**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:” (Ephesians 1:3)

**Lord, I pray for every member of my family, that they prosper spiritually; that they come to know you more.**

**I pray for increased understanding of the Word for them. I pray for revelation, insights and exact knowledge of the Word for them.**

**I pray that they be constantly filled with the Spirit, walking in His fullness; manifesting the gifts, power and glory of the Spirit, in Jesus name.**

**I ask of you Oh Lord, for increase grace and multiplied peace for everyone in my family, in Jesus name**

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: <sup>10</sup> If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. <sup>11</sup> Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

**Lord, I pray for unity in my family.**

**I come against every spirit that is dividing us, causing us to fight one against another.**

**I bind you evil spirit of disunity and cast you out of my family, in Jesus name.**

**I call for peace, I call for righteousness, I call for unity, I call for quietness and rest in my family, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

Now, these prayers can be prayed anytime of the day: morning, noon, night... and you may even have to add a bit of waiting – fasting to it, if need be.

But praying these prayer points for family regularly and in faith will produce the best result.

Just to add; to really make power available as you pray, you may have to pray intensely in the spirit as you pray these prayers.

You can never pray in the spirit and not pray correctly.

And when the Word is prayed in the spirit, the effect is always dynamic.

**Beloveds, the Family** carries the essence of LIFE. Which are

Relationship

Strength

Service, and

Care

### **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**

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The FAMILY can either be **functional family** or **dysfunctional family**

No family is perfect, even the functioning ones. My family of origin actually is the dysfunctional family that I would love to call dysfunctionally functional. From them I learned as much what not to do as the opposite. In my work with couples and counselling parents, I see what works and what doesn't.

## **Functional Family**

Amos 3:3

"Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?"

A functional family is one where the adults are at the centre of the family, **in charge**, and **pulling together in the same direction**. Functioning Family is not all about structure, it is more about function, mainly on the internal functioning aspect.

it is common to make the mistake of focusing on external family structure and function, rather than internal family functioning

Things fall apart when the centre cannot hold. Main anarchy (absence of government, order, control) is loose upon the land

The centre cannot hold because the adults

1. The adults are not in charge
2. They not pulling together
3. They are pulling, but not pulling in the same direction

**Oh Lord, please install back effective internal functionalities in families**

**Oh Lord, please have mercy on families where parents have close grip and no longer in charge**



**Oh Lord, we arrest in the name of Jesus every form of disagreement and mindset that promotes different differences, ideals and attitudes in the family**

**Oh Lord, we arrest in the name of Jesus every power and mindset that stand against pulling/moving together**

**Oh Lord, we arrest in the name of Jesus every form of power and mindset that promotes pulling and moving in different directions in families.**

**Oh Lord, we restore back voice to parents in families**

**Oh Lord, we proclaim Families shall pull together and in same direction in Jesus name**

## **Characteristics of a functional family**

### **Deuteronomy 6:7**

<sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

A Functional Family is not actually a gift to any, but it is as a result of the collective effort of all in charge in the family

The Lord said to have good functioning family is by impressing (make (someone) feel admiration and respect) through communication .... Talking about them when you **sit at home** and when you **walk along the road**, when you **lie down** and when you **get up**.

**Oh Lord, Please forgive us in all areas where we have failed to practice these four stages of developing functional family**

Characteristics of a functional family are inclusive of the essence of LIFE. Which are

### **Relationship**

Trust and rely on each other for support, love, affection and warmth. Combine efforts to achieve collective and individual goals and work together to reach those goals. Good Relationship breeds Resources and kills any form of Jealousy in family.

**Everything fighting good relationship in families – today, we arrest you and take you off our families in Jesus name**

**Every promoter of lack of support, love, affection and warmth in families – today, we arrest you and take you off our families in Jesus name**

**You root of Jealousy die a premature death today. Out of your families in Jesus name**

**Oh Lord, bring healing to all bruised and wounded relationship within our families in Jesus name**

### **Strength**

Family strengths are those relationship qualities that contribute to the emotional health and well-being of the family. The Family Strength are looked into in six domains:

1. **Appreciation and affection.** People in strong families deeply care for one another, and they let each other know this on a regular basis. They are not afraid to express their love.
2. **Commitment.** Members of strong families are dedicated to one another's well-being, investing time and energy in family activities and not letting their work or other priorities take too much time away from family interaction.

3. **Positive communication.** Strong families are often task-oriented in their communication, identifying problems and discussing how to solve them together.
4. **Enjoyable time together.** One study of 1,500 schoolchildren asked, "What do you think makes a happy family?" Few replied that money, cars, fancy homes, television sets, or Disney World made a happy family. Most children said that a happy family is one that does things together, and that genuinely enjoys the times family members share with each other.
5. **Spiritual well-being.** Spiritual well-being can be seen as the caring centre within each individual that promotes sharing, love, and compassion. This describes the love they feel for one another with a great deal of reverence. It is expressed in terms of ethical values and commitment to important causes.
6. **Successful management of stress and crisis.** Strong families are not immune to stress and crisis, but they are not as crisis-prone as troubled families tend to be. Rather, they possess the ability to manage both daily stressors and difficult life crises creatively and effectively. They know how to prevent trouble before it happens, and how to work together to meet the inevitable challenges when they occur.