

Here is a simple guide to help your family pray together.



Pray for **FAMILY MEMBERS.**



Pray for your **NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.**



Pray for **OUR CHURCH.**



Pray for **OUR MISSIONARIES.**



Pray for **PEOPLE WE KNOW WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS.**



Pray for **OUR GOVERNMENT AND LEADERS.**



Pray for **OTHER CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD**—especially those who are treated badly because they are followers of Jesus.

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**Church and Family Partnering Together**



**Today's Big Idea**

Children of God  
Romans 8:12–39



**The Main Point**

When we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit and makes us His children.



**What Did We Learn?**

- ▶ Paul wrote a letter to Christians living in Rome.
- ▶ Paul wanted the Romans to understand how their faith was changing them.
- ▶ Faith in Jesus made them children of God.
- ▶ When we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit and makes us His children.

**TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION**

God is changing believers to be more like Jesus. We are God's children—freed from sin, given power to do what is right, and adopted into God's family. Because Jesus died on the cross, God the Father welcomes us and promises a future with Him forever.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Romans 12:1–18; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Philippians 1:3–7 and read together as a family about how God wants us to show friendship and love to one another. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.

Paul wrote a letter to the believers in Rome about how they should live differently than people who do not trust in Jesus. Paul said that God calls believers to be friends with one another and to show love to everyone.

Paul reminded the believers that God is merciful. He shows us love even though we are sinners and do not deserve His love. Paul said, “So live in a way that pleases God. Do not let the unbelievers around you change how you think. Let God change how you think. The Holy Spirit lives inside you. He shows you the right way to live, and you will know God’s good plan for you.

“Do not think you are better or worse than you really are. Not every believer is the same. God gives faith to all believers, and not everyone has the same amount of faith. God gives each believer different gifts. Believers must work together, like different parts of a body working together. We are all one body in Jesus.”

Our job is to love one another like a family. Paul wrote, “If someone is happy, we are happy with him. If he is sad, we are sad with him. Get along with one another as much as possible.”

Later, Paul was in prison in Rome. He wrote a letter to Christians in Philippi. The Christians helped Paul by sending him money and praying for him. Paul knew that God was changing them to be more like Jesus.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ How does the Holy Spirit change us when we trust in Jesus?
- ▶ How does God want us to treat one another? Why?
- ▶ How did God show love and friendship to us?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Help your kids learn a few origami designs. Talk about how folding the paper can transform it. Highlight the difference between this kind of change and the changes God makes in us.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

God wants us to show friendship and love to one another. As believers, we all belong to Jesus. His death and resurrection bring us together. The Holy Spirit changes the way we think and live so we can love one another as God has loved us.

## BIBLE READING THROUGH THE WEEK

Take time this week to read the Bible together as a family. Breakfast, dinner, or bedtime—you choose when and where.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Romans 12:1–2	Romans 12:3–8	Romans 12:9–18	1 Corinthians 1:9	Philippians 1:3–7

As you read, ask these questions:

- ▶ What is God teaching us?
- ▶ What does this show us about who God is?
- ▶ What do we need to ask God’s help for to change?
- ▶ How would you share this with a friend?

## UNIT MEMORY VERSE

If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here! —2 Corinthians 5:17