

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

A Transformed Mind

Romans 12:1–18; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Philippians 1:3–7



The Main Point

God wants us to show friendship and love to one another.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Paul wrote letters to believers in many places.
- ▶ Paul wanted Christians to understand the ways God was changing them.
- ▶ God wants us to show friendship and love to one another.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit changes us to help us live new lives.

TODAY'S 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.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Galatians 5:16–26 and read together as a family about the Fruits of the Spirit. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

Paul wrote a letter to the Christians in Galatia. Paul explained that God changes people who trust in Jesus. God gives them the Holy Spirit, who guides them and gives them power to become more like Jesus.

Paul wrote that the Holy Spirit changes the way we think and act. He wanted believers to know that if you let the Holy Spirit guide you, you will do what God wants instead of what you want.

When sin is in control, we do wrong things. We show hatred, jealousy, anger, selfishness, and greed. We fight and get into trouble. People who live like this will not enter God's kingdom.

But Jesus frees us from the power of sin. His Holy Spirit lives in us and gives us power to do what is right. When the Holy Spirit is in control, people choose love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These actions are the fruit of the Spirit. This fruit pleases God.

The more we know Jesus, the more we will want to live to please God. Since the Holy Spirit lives in us, we must let the Holy Spirit guide us.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ What are some ways we need to be more like Jesus?
- ▶ Do you think the Holy Spirit produces all the fruit in everyone?
- ▶ Which attribute from the fruit of the Spirit is easiest for you? Which is hardest?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Research a kind of fruit that can grow where you live. Help your kids plant a seed and see if you can grow your own fruit.

CHRIST CONNECTION

When we trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit begins to change us. Paul told the believers in the Galatian church how to recognize that God is working in someone's life. People who are saved by Jesus become more like Him, and the Holy Spirit gives them power to say no to sin and to live in a way that pleases God.

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
Galatians 5:16–18	Galatians 5:19–21	Galatians 5:22–24	Galatians 5:25–26	Romans 6:4–6

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