

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

The Armor of God
Ephesians 6:10-19



The Main Point

God gives us what we need to stand strong against evil.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Paul wrote a letter to believers living in Ephesus.
- ▶ Paul wanted them to know that they had power against evil.
- ▶ Paul talked about a special kind of armor.
- ▶ God gives us what we need to stand strong against evil.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

Paul told believers to be ready to fight a spiritual battle each and every day. People and powers who are against God will be against us too. But Jesus died and rose from the dead. He had victory over evil. We can fight the battle against evil, knowing Jesus already won the war.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to 2 Corinthians 8:1–15; 9:6–15 and read together as a family about being a cheerful giver. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

Paul was collecting money for the believers in Jerusalem. They needed help! Paul wrote a letter to his dear friends in the church at Corinth to ask for help. He told them about the ways he had seen God's grace in the churches in Macedonia. Paul said that even though the believers were poor, they gave as much as they could to help others.

Paul encouraged the believers at Corinth to give in the same way. Giving is one way we can show we love God. Paul gave an even better example: Jesus, who was rich with glory and honor in heaven, gave that up and became poor by coming to earth to help us. Jesus did this so that we, who had nothing, could become rich. Now we have salvation and eternal life in Jesus.

Paul said that how much a person gives is not as important as his attitude about giving. "God loves a cheerful giver," he said. He encouraged the Corinthians to give what they decided is right.

Paul reminded them that God gives us everything we need. Everything we have is a gift from God. God might give us wealth so we can share it. When we give to the church, the church uses what we give to help people in need. Then those people will thank God for the gifts they receive.

Paul taught that meeting needs generously and cheerfully shows that you believe the good news about Jesus. He said, "Let's thank God for the most wonderful gift of all—His Son, Jesus!"

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ How has God been generous to you?
- ▶ Why do you think God wants us to give cheerfully?
- ▶ How can you give your time and abilities to serve the church?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Help your kids come up with a plan to begin or increase their regular giving at church. Remind them that their attitude about giving is more important than the amount they give.
- ▶ Search your home for spare change and give it away.

CHRIST CONNECTION

God has been merciful and generous to us. He gave us the greatest gift—His own Son. Jesus showed us what generosity looks like when He gave up His life to save us from sin. Because of Jesus, we can be merciful and generous to others.

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
2 Corinthians 8:1–7	2 Corinthians 8:8–12	2 Corinthians 8:13–15	2 Corinthians 9:6–11	2 Corinthians 9:12–15

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