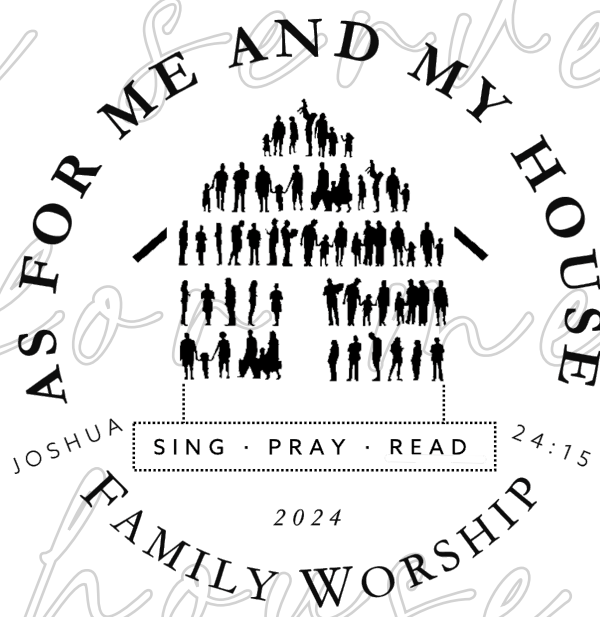


"Choose this day whom you will serve ...

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."



A B O U T T H I S
FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

“Every Christian family ought to be, as it were, a little church, consecrated to Christ, and wholly influenced and governed by his rules. And family education and order are some of the chief means of grace . . . If these are duly maintained, all the means of grace will be likely to prosper and be successful.”

- J O N A T H A N E D W A R D S

There is no greater inheritance that we can give our children than leading them to taste and experience the glorious riches of God. The primary discipleship of our children belongs to us as parents. One of the ways we do this is through family worship. God deserves to be worshipped in our homes whether we have children or not. Gen 18:17-19, 22:6-7; Deut 6:4-7; Josh 24:15; Ps 78:1-8; Eph 5:25-26, 6:4; 1 Tim 3:4-5; 1 Pet 3:7

This family worship guide is a simple tool to help your family worship our King daily. Each day has a different theme for prayer. The catechism is aimed at instilling deep biblical truths. There is a public playlist for the hymns that are on the following pages on the Spotify app titled “*Family Worship 2024*”. Designate a time and location for your family to meet. Keep the format simple: *sing, pray, and read*. If you have children—especially if you have younger children—keep the time succinct to help maintain a good daily rhythm. Have grace and patience as you begin. Your time *will* be interrupted. Donald Whitney’s short book, *Family Worship*, is an excellent guide. So is his short video, *How do you do Family Worship?*. May God’s presence shine upon you as you and your family come together to worship Him.

F A M I L Y
2024 MILESTONES

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This resource and other similar resources can be found here: <https://www.declaringthepraises.com/resources>

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

George Keith (1787)

1 How firm a foundation,
 ye saints of the Lord,
 is laid for your faith,
 in His excellent Word!
 What more can be said
 than to you He hath said,
 to you who for refuge
 to Jesus have fled?

3 When through fiery trials
 thy pathway shall lie,
 my grace, all sufficient,
 shall be thy supply;
 the flame shall not hurt thee;
 I only design,
 thy dross to consume,
 and thy gold to refine.

2 Fear not, I am with thee,
 O be not dismayed,
 for I am thy God,
 and will still give thee aid;
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
 and cause thee to stand,
 upheld by my righteous,
 omnipotent hand.

4 The soul that on Jesus hath
 leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not,
 desert to its foes;
 that soul, though all hell
 should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no, never,
 no, never forsake.

PRAYERS FOR OUR

CHURCH, LEADERS, AND AUTHORITIES

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” Hebrews 10:24

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MONDAY

OH GREAT GOD

Sovereign Grace Music (2006)

1 O great God
of highest heaven,
Occupy my lowly heart,
Own it all
and reign supreme,
Conquer every
rebel power.

2 I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears
to hear Your voice,
Did not know
Your love within,
Had no taste
for heaven’s joys.

Let no vice or sin remain,
That resists Your holy war,
You have loved
and purchased me,
Make me Yours
forevermore.

Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your Word to me.
Through the gospel
of Your Son,
Gave me endless hope
and peace.

PRAYERS FOR OUR OWN

CONFORMITY TO CHRIST’S LIKENESS

“It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master.” Matthew 10:25

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JESUS, STRONG AND KIND

CityAlight, (2019)

1 Jesus said that if I thirst,
I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy,
I should come to him.

3 Jesus said that if I fear,
I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield,
I should come to him.

2 Jesus said if I am weak,
I should come to him.

4 Jesus said if I am lost,
He will come to me.

No one else
can be my strength,

And he showed
me on that cross,

I should come to him. *(Refrain)*

He will come to me. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain) For the Lord is good and faithful,
He will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.

PRAYERS FOR THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL FAMILY MEMBERS

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” Deuteronomy6:6-7

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W E D N E S D A Y

AMAZING GRACE

John Newton (1779)

1 Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 ‘Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did
that grace appear,
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised
good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield
and portion be,
as long as life endures.

4 Yes, when this flesh
and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess
within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

P R A Y E R S F O R M Y

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

“... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19

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ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

Jordan Kauflin, Sovereign Grace Praise (2008)

1 I once was lost
 in darkest night,
 Yet thought I knew the way,
 The sin that promised
 joy and life,
 Had led me to the grave.
 I had no hope,
 that You would own,
 A rebel to Your will.
 And if You had
 not loved me first,
 I would refuse You still.

2 But as I ran
 my hell-bound race,
 Indifferent to the cost,
 You looked upon
 my helpless state,
 And led me to the cross.
 And I beheld,
 God's love displayed,
 You suffered in my place,
 You bore the wrath
 reserved for me,
 Now all I know is grace. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain) Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

PRAYERS FOR

EVANGELISM AND LOST LOVED ONES

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

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ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Paraphraser: William H. Draper; Author: St. Francis of Assisi (1225)

1 All creatures of our
God and King,
lift up your voice
and with us sing,
“Alleluia! Alleluia!”
Thou burning sun
with golden beam,
thou silver moon
with softer gleam!

O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 And all ye men
of tender heart,
forgiving others,
take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain
and sorrow bear,
praise God and on Him
cast your care!

O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAY FOR

MISSIONARIES AND THE MISSION

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 5:9-10

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MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend (2006)

1 My heart is filled
 with thankfulness,
 To Him who bore my pain;
 Who plumbed
 the depths of my disgrace
 And gave me life again;
 Who crushed
 my curse of sinfulness,
 And clothed me in His light,
 And wrote His law of
 righteousness,
 With pow'r upon my heart.

2 My heart is filled with
 thankfulness
 To Him who walks beside;
 Who floods my *(cont'd)*

(cont'd) weaknesses with strength,
 And causes fears to fly;
 Whose ev'ry promise is enough,
 For ev'ry step I take,
 Sustaining me with arms of love
 And crowning me with grace.

3 My heart is filled with
 thankfulness,
 To him who reigns above,
 Whose wisdom
 is my perfect peace,
 Whose ev'ry thought is love.
 For ev'ry day I have on earth
 Is given by the King;
 So I will give my life, my all,
 To love and follow him.

PRAYERS OF

THANKSGIVING

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Psalm 95:2

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“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

DEUTERONOMY 6 : 4 - 7