

NWCC Building Faith at Home Prayer Guide

One of Northwest's core values is building faith at home. We spend way more time with those in our home than we do at church (Reggie Joiner notes that Christian kids, on average, spend 3,000 hours a year with their parents and only 40 at church). This is one reason why God designed the home to be an important place of spiritual growth.

We desperately need God to work in the lives of everyone in our homes if we are to enjoy grace-based, godly homes. Perhaps the best way to actively depend on God (another Northwest core value) is through prayer. I hope this guide will help you pray for and pray with everyone in your home. As Dr. A.C. Dixon said it, "When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do. And so on. But when we rely on prayer, we get what God can do."

*Blessings in Christ,
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SUNDAY (HOLY SPIRIT & GROWTH) Pray that everyone in your home would actively depend on the Holy Spirit to fill them with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Pray for specific areas that need growth. Some possible examples include spending habits, being courageous, taking personal responsibility, caring less about other's opinions, being honest, needing physical or emotional healing, etc. (Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-25; Philippians 2:12-13)

MONDAY (SALVATION & SERVICE) Pray for the salvation of anyone in your home who does not know Jesus. Pray also that God will help your home and everyone in it to share about Jesus, make disciples, serve and sacrifice for God's kingdom, show great compassion for the needy, and give generously. (1 Peter 3:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 12:1; James 1:27; Matthew 6:19-24)

TUESDAY (MARRIAGE) Pray that God will help you and your spouse give of yourselves for the good of the other. Pray that God will help you to have unity and to reflect Christ and the church well. Ask God to help you speak kindly to each other and encourage each other to grow spiritually. Pray also that God will help you be quick to apologize and to forgive each other. Pray also for other people's marriages. (Ephesians 5:18-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7)

WEDNESDAY (GRACE & LOVE) Pray that God will help you and everyone else in your home greatly experience His grace and love. Pray that His grace and love will empower you to give unconditional acceptance and love to each other, speak the truth in love, and humbly apologize when you hurt anyone in your home. Ask God to also help you all show grace and love to everyone outside your home. (Ephesians 3:14-19, 4:15, 29; Matthew 22:36-40)

THURSDAY (FRIENDSHIPS & PROTECTION) Pray for healthy, godly relationships in your home and for God to provide everyone with healthy, godly friendships outside the home. Pray that God will use others in the church to build up your home and that everyone in your home will use their gifts to bless the church. Ask God to surround everyone with emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual protection. Pray for God to protect your home from Satan and others who would be an evil influence. (Proverbs 27:17; Hebrews 10:24-25; Ephesians 4:15-16; 2 Thessalonians 3:2-3)

FRIDAY (KNOWING & FOLLOWING GOD) Pray that God will help everyone in your home to trust Him fully, hope in Him completely, and worship Him wholeheartedly. Ask God to help everyone be passionate about knowing Him and being transformed by His Word (the Bible). Pray also that God will help everyone to know and follow His will for their lives. Ask God to help everyone in your home to repent of their sins and remain pure in their thoughts and deeds. (Ephesians 3:20; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Matthew 6: 9-13; 2 Timothy 2:15; Romans 12:2; Psalm 32:1-7)

SATURDAY (PARENTING) Pray that God will help you parent as He parents (with grace and love). Pray also that God will help you to teach and discipline your kids in His ways, to encourage your kids to develop their gifts, and to avoid exasperating your kids. Ask God to bless your kids (and others) in your home (Numbers 6:24-26 is a good blessing to pronounce over your children). Pray also for those in authority over your kids and for other parents you know. (Luke 15: 11-32; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 78:4-7; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4)