Prayers for Your Family:

A.K.A., Prayers I Pray For My Family:

This is the prayer/prayers which I pray for my family – and which you should pray for yours. Be aware; few children have a closer relationship with God than their parents do, and without their parent's prayers—and their relationship with God being lived out before their children's eyes—they might not have one at all. (I cannot imagine spending eternity in Heaven, while my children spend eternity in Hell.)

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for giving us life – to love You back. Thank You for sending Your Son to die for our sins, so that we could become Your children and a part of Your eternal Kingdom. Thank You for Your eternal love, ceaseless blessings and the promise of eternity in Paradise. Please help each one of us to live and to love, to do and to become all that You desire, that we may honor and glorify You throughout our lives and that we may be salt and light in this world.

Salt; to flavor our world—showing how delightful life can be when living it according to Your will—and to serve as a preservative in this decaying society (to give You reason to restrain Your judgment as You look down and see Your obedient children living here). Light; to light our world—living according to Your will and sharing the gospel—so that people will see (in the darkness of this world) that there is a good and right way to live—a way which brings life instead of death and blessings instead of destruction.

Help each one of us to grow ever deeper in love with You, ever closer in our walk (increasingly in step with You and Your will for our lives), ever stronger in faith and ever greater in wisdom. And help us to grow ever more passionate for the people around us, especially our children and other the members of our families, seeking to lead them into and/or deeper into a loving relationship with You. Please enable us to fulfill your plan for our lives and not to waste the precious little time which we have in this life.

Please make us Your soldiers. Use us in Your fight against the kingdom of darkness – enabling us to lead people out of it and into Yours. Empower us to kick open the gates of hades—by leading people out of spiritual death and into a relationship with You—so that they may escape from the trap of the enemy and the judgement to come.

Thank You for your amazing love and awesome plan for our lives. Please give each one of us ever increasing knowledge, understanding, discernment, wisdom, faith, hope, love and a spiritual fighting attitude – that we may live this whole life according to Your will. Help us to live each moment in light of Your love, and in light of Your eternal Kingdom – seeking to lead people to You and/or closer to You, and storing up great treasure in Heaven.

<u>Knowledge:</u> To know everything that we need to know about anything and everything which can touch our lives, as well as the lives of our loved ones.

<u>Understanding:</u> To understand how each thing can affect us—now and throughout eternity—as well as how each thing affects our relationship with You, with each other and with others.

<u>Discernment:</u> The ability to know: What is true and what is false. What is good and what is evil. What is wise and what is foolish. What builds up and what destroys. What is profitable and what is waste. What is eternal and what is temporal.

Wisdom: The wisdom—at every moment—to choose what is best.

<u>Faith:</u> A very strong faith which will put an ever growing smile on Your face and enable us to walk boldly through this life, living according to Your will and having the peace which surpasses understanding.

<u>Hope:</u> Hope which enables us to have joy in all circumstances, knowing that we have eternal life—with You and with each other—and that this life is simply a tiny step into paradise—the world for which we have been created.

<u>Love:</u> To grow ever more in love with you and with each other. To truly love according to your Word, that our lives may be what You, we and our loves ones truly need and desire, and that we may love the other people who your bring into our lives.

<u>Fighting attitude:</u> To fight the fight - which is life - and to win our battles for Your glory and our temporal and eternal blessings, as well as for those of our loved ones.

I ask all of this in the awesome and wonderful name of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. A-men!

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