

## A Prayer of Celebration for Our Families

### **Scripture Reading:**

Psalms 145:1-13, Deuteronomy 6:1-9

### **Reflections of the Heart:**

"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them."  
~Desmond Tutu

### **Scriptural Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, our souls honor You. We thank You for thinking of us enough to give us dominion in the earth. Thank You for our family relationships. We thank You for singlehood, the institution of marriage and parenthood. Lord, we thank You for fulfilling Your plans and purposes in our lives and for surrounding us with favor like a shield. Thank You for blessing us continually with Your loving-kindness and tender mercies. Your mercy endures forever. You are great, and Your power is absolute. Your understanding is beyond comprehension. We love You and extol Your Holy Name. Out of the mouths of babes and infants, You have ordained strength. What are mere mortals that You should think of them, human beings that You should care for them? Yet, You have made us only a little lower than Yourself and crowned us with glory and honor. You are an awesome God!

Glorious Father, it is Your will that our families prosper and be in health as our souls prosper. We decree that our families live in peaceful habitations, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting places. Stability, salvation, love, wisdom and knowledge will abide in our home. Lord, we rebuke the spirits of argument, slander, strife, perversion, violence, offense, lies, rebellion, disobedience and cruelty in our families. We break soul ties, strongholds and generational curses in our family bloodlines. We confess that no weapon formed against our families will prosper. We decree that everything the devil means for evil will be turned around by our God for the good of our families. We call for a spiritual renewal and restoration in our families. Father, we will hold fast to the confession of our faith without wavering. We confess that the love of God will reign

supreme in our homes and the peace of God is an umpire in our family relationships. We decree that because our families seek Your Kingdom above all else, and live righteously, that You will continue to give us everything that we stand in need of.

***Father, give me creative ways to unite my family relationships:***

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Royal Father, we ask that You give our family members one heart and put a new spirit within all of us. Where there are strained relationships in our families, please turn hearts back to one another. Holy Spirit, please begin to heal the wounds that family secrets have inflicted on the souls and minds of some of our members. Lead them to competent Christian counseling to help them process their pain. Give us Your wisdom. Let discretion preserve us and understanding keep us from the way of evil. Please unite our families closer together. Father, open the lines of communication in our homes so that there is a good rapport in our families. Please keep our children and youth as the apples of Your eye and let Your favor surround them like a shield. Let Your peace, love and understanding reside in our families.

Merciful Father, please forgive our families for sin. Forgive us for allowing our jobs to be a greater priority than our families. Forgive us for taking our loved ones for granted. Forgive us for not praying for our family members consistently. Forgive us for strife, anger, envy, jealousy and for verbal or physical abuse within our homes. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind our families of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive and help me to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help our families not to yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Sovereign Lord, You are King! You are robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. Your throne has stood from time immemorial. You are from the everlasting past. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Psalm 147:5, Psalm 145:1, Psalm 8:2-5, Ill John 2, Isaiah 32:18, Isaiah 54:17, Genesis 50:20, Hebrews 10:23, Matthew 6:33, Ezekiel 11:19, Proverbs 2:12, Psalm 17:8 NKJV, Psalm 5:12, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 93:1-2

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