



Family Time

Main Idea:

There Is Power in Prayer



Key Verse: Psalm 116:1-2 (ESV)

¹I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Set it Up:

Did you know that the things we pray for show others and ourselves the type of relationship we have with God? If all we ever did was ask God for things, then we might think that God is like a vending machine where we put money into the machine and get an item back. Prayer is so much more than asking God for things.



Ask:

What if we as a family would spend more time praying to God for Him to use us?

That would let God know that we want to do His will and not our own. If we really want to make a difference in this world then we need to talk to God and ask for Him to lead us.

The next page lists different prayers to use with your family. Let me challenge you to take time as a family each day to pray one of these prayers. Then just watch how God will use your family to make a difference in this world.

Day 1: Look up Psalm 51:1-12.

Pray this Psalm as a family. It is so important to start this journey with confessing our sins and allowing God to strengthen us.

Day 2: We are God's no matter what. Pray these words of praise from Psalm 100 to God today:

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

*² Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!*

*³ Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

*⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Day 3: Paul gives us a great prayer in Philippians 1:9-11 that is focused on allowing God to use our family to show love to those around us:

⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.