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Blessing Families

As you prayerwalk, you're going to encounter homes - homes with families who have a variety of needs. The following are prayer guides to equip and encourage you as you prayerwalk through neighborhoods.

Praying For Revival In Marriages and Families

Marriages and families are struggling to survive today. Satan is throwing an all-out offensive against these institutions. The world is attempting to lessen the sanctity and the importance of these institutions. A lack of commitment is wreaking havoc in marriages and families.

In the midst of all this, the church must stand for marriage and the family. The primary way to do this is through intercession. We must pray for the

marriages and families that make up the church.

The following is a simple pattern for praying for the families in your church. It is based on the acrostic

F.A.M.I.L.Y. This pattern provides a powerful way to intercede for the families in your church or the neighborhoods where

you prayerwalk. I plead with you to pray for the marriages and families in your church and those in your area. Through prayer, strong

and godly marriages and families can be a living reality. Instead of complaining and lamenting about the breakup of marriages and families, we should be praying and pleading with God for them.

Faithful to hear and obey the Word of God (**James 1:21-25; John 14:23**). Pray that the Word of God will be the foundation on which this family builds. Ask God to give each one a hunger for the Word of God. Pray that they will put into practice what God commands in His Word.

Active in serving Christ and His church (**Hebrews 10:25; Mark 8:34-38**). Plead with God to create in this family a longing to follow Jesus and to serve in His church. Pray that each family member would know Christ and would faithfully serve Him.

Maintain their prayer lives (**Luke 18:1; Colossians 4:2**). Pray that each member would have a heart for prayer. Ask God to create in each family member a longing to spend time with Him. Pray that the family

would establish a family altar. Plead that the Spirit would give them a spirit of prayer.

Introduce others to Jesus (**Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8**). Pray that the family would be witnesses for Christ both with their lives and their lips. Ask God to give the family boldness in standing for Jesus Christ. Plead with Him to remove anything that would hinder them from being powerful witnesses.

Love as God loves (**1 John 4:7,11; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8**). Pray that this family will love each other with deep and unconditional love. Ask God to remove anything that might hinder them from loving each other.

Yield themselves to God's protection (**John 8:44; Ephesians 6:10-20**). Pray that this family will confess and repent of sin. Ask God to enable them to cut off any avenue that Satan might use to attack them. Call on Him to convict them of the necessity of the armor of God. Plead that He would protect them from the attacks of the enemy.

Covering Families With Intercession

The following are Scriptural requests that you can pray over families as you prayerwalk:

- ✓ Pray that the husband and wife will love each other and serve one another (**Ephesians 5:22-33**).
- ✓ Ask the children will have a respectful and obedient spirit (**Ephesians 6:1-4**).

- ✓ Plead with God to intervene in the problems that the family is experiencing (**Psalms 115:3**).
- ✓ Ask God to meet all the needs of the family - physical, spiritual, emotional, and financial (**Philippians 4:13**).
- ✓ Plead that any spiritual bondage or demonic activity against the home will be destroyed (**1 Peter 5:8-9**).
- ✓ Call on God to build a hedge around the house (**Job 1:10**). Pray that God will give the parents the wisdom and compassion they need for raising their children (**Proverbs 2:6**).
- ✓ Ask that each member of the house will come to know Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior (**John 3:16, 6:44**).
- ✓ Plead that the house will be a place of prayer and witness for the whole neighborhood (**Matthew 5:13-14; Colossians 4:2, Joshua 24:15**).
- ✓ Pray that the parents and children of the home will have healthy and loving relationships (**Psalms 133:1**).
- ✓ Ask that the churches in the area will have a heart and ministries for the families of the area (**Matthew 28:19-20**).
- ✓ Ask for God's blessing on the home (**James 1:17**).

Praying For A Love Of God's Word

The following prayers can help you pray for families to have a love for God's Word. You can use these or develop your own from them.

Father, I plead that the families here will know that the Bible is the Word of God. Cause them to know that You inspired the

Bible and that it is Your Word to them. Grant them certainty and conviction in this matter. Show that it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness (**2 Timothy 3:16**).

Father, I pray that the families here would not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Grant them a consuming passion for Your Word (**Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4**).

I ask that Your Word would be a lamp to their feet and a light to their path (**Psalms 119:105**).

Father, I pray that the families here would not merely hear the Word of God. I plead that they will hear and obey the Word of God. Deliver them from being a careless hearer of the Word of God (**James 1:22**).

Father, I plead that the hearts of the family's in this area would be good soil, receiving Your Word and bearing fruit for You. Let them retain Your Word and produce a crop of godly character, holiness of life, and effectiveness in the kingdom of God. I ask that You would keep Satan from snatching it from their heart. Don't allow the worries, pleasures, and riches of life to choke out Your Word in their lives and make it unfruitful in their lives. Let the roots of Your Word grow deep into their hearts and minds so that they can preserve and endure the testing of their faith (**Luke 8:11-13**).

Father, I ask that the families here would separate themselves from the ungodly. Yet, I pray that they would saturate their

lives with the Word of God. Cause them to take delight in Your Word, meditating on it day and night. Let them be deeply rooted in Your Word so that they can prosper in their lives (**Psalms 1:1-3**).

Father, teach the families here to know Your commands and obey You, demonstrating their love for You (**John 14:21**).

Father, I plead that the families here would hide Your Word in their heart so that they will not sin against You. Grant them a love for memorizing the Word of God (**Psalms 119:11**).

Father, I ask You to open the eyes of the families here to see the wonderful truths in God's Word. Help them understand Your Word (**Psalms 119:18**).

Father, I pray that the families here would love Your Word with all their hearts. Cause them to think about it all day long (**Psalms 119:97**).

Praying Through Marital Problems

It's a guarantee that the places where you prayerwalk will have troubled marriages. The following are some Scriptural requests that you might use to pray for those marriages.

- ◆ Pray that God would enable them to communicate with each other in a clear and loving way (**Ephesians 4:15; Proverbs 18:13**).

- ◆ Pray that God would remind them of the value and preciousness of marriage (**Genesis 2:22; Proverbs 18:22**).
- ◆ Ask that God would enable them to find intimate and abiding joy in their love and friendship (**Ecclesiastes 9:9; Proverbs 5:18**).
- ◆ Pray that God would enable them to always be kind to each other, tenderhearted, and forgiving as God for Christ's sake has forgiven them (**Ephesians 4:32**).
- ◆ Plead that God would prevent Satan from gaining a foothold in their relationship (**Ephesians 4:25**).
- ◆ Pray that God would help them to always remember that love is a commitment and a choice (**1 Corinthians 13**).
- ◆ Ask that they would always trust in the Lord and would not lean on their own understanding (**Proverbs 3:5**).
- ◆ Pray that they would acknowledge the Lord in all their ways, keeping Him as the top priority of their lives (**Proverbs 3:6**).
- ◆ Ask that they will remember that hatred stirs up strife but love covers a multitude of sins (**Proverbs 10:12**).
- ◆ Pray that they will remember the seriousness of the commitment that they

have made to God and to each other (**Mark 10:5-9; Malachi 2:6**).

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