

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #1

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we gather as a family to once again honour Your name, to worship You as God of our family. Thank You for Your love and the finished work on the cross of Calvary that has made this possible – to be partakers of Your grace and recipients of Your unending love. Hold our lives in the loving arms of Yours and lead us in the way everlasting, that we may know that which is life giving and that which ushers us into the pleasures of Your heart. Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 196; words by Charles Wesley; music by Rowland H. Prichard)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born they people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

(Words & music by Graham Kendrick)

All I Once Held Dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain, I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death, my Lord
So with You to live and never die

Scripture Reading (Luke 1:5-25)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one area/thing in your life that can help prepare the way if Jesus Christ were to visit your home.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, thank You for the gift of life. Thank You for the blessings and the experiences we have of You in our life. Teach us how to prepare the way for Your coming again. Let our life and home point to who You are – Your goodness, Your grace, and Your blessing. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #2

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We gather as a family to worship and honour Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. We thank You for keeping us through the week – through thick and thin. We gather as a family with hearts of praise and thanksgiving. We thank You for encouraging our hearts through Your grace. We gather as a family to appreciate and enjoy once again Your undeserved love which You gave to us out of Your great pleasure. Now, we offer You our songs, our prayers, and ourselves. Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 211; words from *The Hymnal* & Henry Sloane Coffin; music from 15th century French)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

(Words & music by Bob McGee)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

Scripture Reading (Luke 1:26-80)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share some words you would say if Mary were to come to you and you knew that she was bearing God's Son.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member) – **R** – Response in unison (UMH 205)

R: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

R

We look for light but find darkness,
For brightness, but walk in gloom.
We grope like those who have no eyes;
We stumble at noon as in the twilight.

R

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,
And the light about me be night,"
Even the darkness is not dark to you,
The night is bright as the day,
For darkness is as light with you.

R

Blessed by your name, O God, for ever.
You reveal deep and mysterious things;
You are light and in you is no darkness.
Our darkness is passing away
And already the true light is shining.

R

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #3

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, thank You for seeing us through another week.
Thank You for providing for us in many ways and for watching over us.
We gather now as a family to worship You, our Lord and our God. We seek to honour You with our lips and our lives. We seek to experience Your love and Your presence in a fresh new way. We seek to bless You and come into Your presence with thankful hearts knowing that You are our Creator – You made us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 230; words by Phillips Brooks; music by Lewis H. Redner)

O Little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

(Words & music by David Meece)

As little children, we would dream of Christmas morn
Of all the gifts and toys we knew we'd find
But we never realized a baby born one blessed night
Gave us the greatest gift of our lives

We Are The Reason that He gave His life
We are the reason that He suffered and died
To a world that was lost He gave all He could give
To show us the reason to live

As the years went by, we learned more about gifts
The giving of ourselves and what that means
On a dark and cloudy day, a man hung crying in the rain
Because of love; because of love!

I finally found the reason for living
It's in giving every part of my heart to Him
And all that I do, every word that I say
I'll be giving my all just for Him, for Him

Scripture Reading (Luke 2:1-20)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one word or phrase that you would use to describe God's gift of His Son Jesus Christ to you?

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus Christ, You are a special gift to us. You have all the glory of heaven and as God, You chose to lay aside that glory and came down to be born like us human beings. You obeyed the Heavenly Father all the way to the Cross of Calvary. Thank You for Your love and for being a special gift to us. Today we live and can face the future because of You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #4

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we are blessed because You are our God. You demonstrate Your love to us through Your redemptive acts in our lives. You strengthen us when we feel weak; You restore our souls. You know moments that we struggle as a family and You never give up on us. So, we worship You and look to You, for it is only in You that we will find our eternal fulfillment and the pleasures that You so desire for us to experience as Your children. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 234; words and music by John F. Wade)

O Come, All Ye Faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, (3x) Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

(Words & music by Graham Kendrick)

All I Once Held Dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain, I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord

Now my hearts' desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death, my Lord
So with You to live and never die

Scripture Reading (Matthew 2:1-23)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one experience which helped you pay more attention to Christ.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus Christ, You love us so much and desire us to grow closer in intimate relationship with You. We ask that You will continually draw us closer to Yourself. Send us people, experiences and moments to help us focus on You and point us like a star to the King of kings and Lord of lords. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #5

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we gather as a family to remind ourselves again we belong to You. We seek to worship You, our God. We declare Your Kingship in our lives. We renew our love for You and seek to hear Your voice afresh in our lives as a family. Thank You for Your ongoing presence in our lives and in all that we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 348; words and music by Will L. Thompson)

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling, calling for you and for me;
See on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

(Words & music by Wayne & Cathy Perrin)

When I Look Into Your Holiness

When I gaze into Your loveliness
When all things that surround me become shadows in the light of You
When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart
When my will becomes enthroned in Your love
When all things that surround me become shadows in the light of You

I worship You, I worship You
The reason I live is to worship you
(repeat)

Scripture Reading (Luke 3:1-22)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one area in your life where you need to grow in your obedience to God's will.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have turned away from You in many areas of our lives. We have turned away individually as well as a family and many things that we do, is offending to You. We ask that You give us a heart of repentance as we seek Your forgiveness. We ask that we will learn and commit ourselves to obey You not out of fear of punishment, but out of love because we have a special relationship with You. We submit ourselves to You, our Lord and our God, who taught us to pray:

(unison) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #6

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, thank You for Your leading in our lives week after week. Thank You for watching over us in things unseen to us but visible to You. Thank You for granting us the grace to face every difficult and tempting situation in our lives. We need You, we worship You, we love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 128; words by Joseph H. Gilmore, music by William B. Bradbury)

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

(Words & music by Brian Doerksen)

Purify My Heart; let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart; let me be as gold, pure gold

Refiner's fire! My heart's one desire is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord; I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my master; ready to do Your will

Purify my heart; cleanse me from my sin and make me holy
Purify my heart; cleanse me from my sin, deep within

Scripture Reading (Matthew 4:1-11)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one example in your life where you often feel tempted to follow your own selfish motives.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have been selfish in so many areas of our lives. We have made decisions, responded to others, and live lives so selfish that we have given into the temptation to be God, to take control of our own lives and fail to understand what total surrender to Your will is all about. In our desire to be that big "I", we have clouded Your image in our lives and our friends and family find it difficult to see Your likeness in us. Forgive us and help us to look to You, Lord Jesus Christ, as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

(*unison*) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #7

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we gather as family to worship You. We thank You for watching over us and keeping us safe to this day. We thank You for the finished work on the Cross of Calvary, for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ that makes it possible for us to draw near to Your throne and receive help in our time of need. We thank You that You are our Father, and we are Your children whom You love with an everlasting love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 451; words – Ancient Irish, music – Traditional Irish)

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou on-ly, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

(Words & music by Don Moen)

There is a longing only You can fill
A raging tempest only You can still
My soul is thirsty, Lord, to know You as I'm known
Drink from the river that flows before Your throne

Take me deeper, Deeper In Love with You
Jesus, hold me close in Your embrace
Take me deeper, deeper than I've ever been before
I just want to love You more and more
How I long to be deeper in love

Sunrise to sunrise, I will seek Your face
Drawn by the Spirit to the promise of Your grace
My heart has found in You a hope that will abide
Here in Your presence forever satisfied

Scripture Reading (Luke 5:1-11, 27-32)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one area in your life where you need other family members to encourage you in following Jesus Christ.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You with our whole hearts.
Help us to be true disciples of Yours faithfully keeping in step with Your leading. Thank You for this privilege and this call of Yours.

(unison) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #8

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we thank You for having loved us with an everlasting love. Your faithfulness towards us is great and we come as a family before Your presence with deep gratitude and awe. We worship You who watches over us day and night. We honour You who gives us life and daily watches over us – You neither slumber nor sleep. We love You because You have first loved us and given us Your Son Jesus Christ as the greatest expression of Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 451; words by Frances R. Havergal, music by Louis J.F. Herold)

Take My Life, and Let It Be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at the feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be every, only, all for thee.

(Words & music by Dennis Jernigan)

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You Are My All In All

Seeking You as a precious jewel

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name (2x)

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame

Rising again, I bless Your name

You are my all in all

When I fall down, You pick me up

When I am dry, You fill my cup

You are my all in all

Scripture Reading (John 1:43-51; Luke 6:12-16)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one area in your life where you seek to follow Jesus Christ more closely.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, we want to follow You but we are not good followers.

Forgive us our short-comings and help us to follow You more closely, to see You more clearly, and to love You more dearly.

(*unison*) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #9

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we gather to honour You, to honour Your Son Jesus Christ, and to honour the Holy Spirit. We are grateful for Your work in our lives and in our family. We ask that as we gather to worship You, we would experience You in greater clarity and know Your touch in our lives in deeper intimacy. Lead us as a family to walk in Your ways and to honour the name that is above every name, the name of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 277; words by William H. Parker, music by Frederick A. Challinor)

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus I love to hear;

Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:

Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,

Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,

And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;

Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,

All in the love-light of Jesus' face.

(Words & music by Kelly Carpenter)

Draw Me Close to You; never let me go

I lay it all down again

To hear You say that I'm Your friend

You are my desire; no one else will do

'Cause nothing else could take Your place

To feel the warmth of Your embrace

Help me find the way; bring me back to You

You're all I want; You're all I've ever needed

You're all I want; help me know You are near

Scripture Reading (Matthew 4:23-25; Luke 5:12-16)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one way how you would have responded if you heard of Jesus teaching and healing in your town.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, there are so many stories of how You taught and healed people when You came down on earth. Today, we read those stories and are reminded how You desire that we live by what You teach. Teach us to draw near to You, to seek You in our time of need, and to trust You to touch those areas of our lives that need Your loving and healing touch. In all situations in our lives, give us the comforting presence of Your Holy Spirit and may we know Your love in a deep way.

(*unison*) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #10

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, each week is a challenging journey in life. The demands of life make it difficult to stop and reflect on life itself, but we have stopped today as a family to spend this time together in Your presence. We seek to worship You, our Lord and our God. May we draw near to Your throne with confidence and with joy. May we find rejuvenation in Your presence. In His name we pray, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 175; words by Bernard of Clairvaux, music by John B. Dykes)

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee with sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.
(Words & music by Lenny Leblanc)

There Is None Like You

No one else can touch my heart like You do
I could search for all eternity long
And find there is none like You

Your mercy flows like a river wide
And healing comes from Your hands
Suffering children are safe in Your arms
There is none like You

Scripture Reading (Mark 2:1-12)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one reason why Jesus has the authority to forgive sins. Also share one effect in your life as a result of experiencing God's forgiveness.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your deep, deep love for us. We recognize You as the Son of God, having full authority as God to forgive us all our sins. Thank You that in You, all our sins are forgiveness. Thank You for the finished work on the cross of Calvary. Thank You for the result of healing in our hearts as we experience Your mercy in many and different ways. Teach us to seek after You with all our heart and to recognize that really, there is none like You; none that can touch our hearts like You do. And now we pray the family prayer together:

(unison) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #11

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Our Father in heaven, we gather as a family to worship You. May Your presence be special to us right now as we come into Your presence. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 131; words by Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, music – Dutch melody)

We Gather Together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining, his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, was at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!
(Words & music by Dave Bilbrough)

I Am A New Creation, no more in condemnation
Here in the grace of God I stand.
My heart is overflowing; my love just keeps on growing,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise You, Lord; Yes, I will praise You, Lord,
And I will sing of all that You have done.
A joy that knows no limit; a lightness in my spirit,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

Scripture Reading (Matthew 5:3-12)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one beatitude that you desire to trust God to live out and experience in the next one week.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, You desire for us our lives to have a salt and light effect in this world that we live in. You desire for us to increasingly be Christ-like in our words and in our lives. And You have given us the beatitudes, character qualities that would mark us as people of Your kingdom. Teach us, Lord, that as we draw near to You and daily surrender, the beatitudes would be increasingly part and parcel of our lives. We invite Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts to bring about a clear affirmation of the beatitudes as our life's constitution. Thank You for Your great love, even as we pray the family prayer:

(*unison*) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #12

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Our Father in heaven, we are here to worship You. We thank You for Your abiding presence. We continue to look to You to be the Guardian of our family. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 64; words by Reginald Heber, music by John B. Dykes)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
(Words & music by Carol Owens)

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, Freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

Scripture Reading (Matthew 5:17-48)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one teaching from Jesus that is most challenging to live out.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, Your standards of living are very high. And You desire us to live in such ways that we may be holy before You and before others. Teach us and lead us that we live with each other in right relationships. Help us to live our lives fearing You more than others. Even though Your standards are challenging, help us to take one step at a time as we seek to be more like Christ in the way we live. Teach us how to honour Your holy name. And so we pray together as a family:

(*unison*) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #13

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

We worship You, our Father in heaven for Your constant goodness to us as a family. We thank You for Your unfailing kindness in our lives. We draw near to Your throne with grateful hearts. Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 327; words by Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring, music by George J. Elvey)

Crown Him with Many Crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.
(Words & music by Dan Stradwick)

The Lord Reigns! The Lord reigns! The Lord reigns!
Let the earth rejoice! Let the earth rejoice! Let the earth rejoice!
Let the people be glad that our God reigns!

A fire goes before Him and burns up all His enemies
The hills melt like wax at the presence of the Lord
At the presence of the Lord!

The heaven declare His righteousness; the people see His glory
For You, O lord, are exalted over all the earth;
Over all the earth!

Scripture Reading (Matthew 8:5-13; Mark 4:35-41)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one area in your life when you need the exercise of Jesus' power and authority.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, we worship You because to You belong all power and authority. We constantly live in all sorts of challenges that require us to place our faith in You, which will not be disappointed as we seek the expression of Your power and authority in our lives. We thank You that in the daily expressions of what family is, we can trust You to express Your power and authority to bring about healing of our hearts and the calming of the storms in our lives. And so we pray together:

(unison) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #14

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

We gather in Your name to honour and worship You, our Lord and God.
We gather to give thanks as a family for all Your fatherly goodness. We
gather in Your presence as Your children. Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 419; words by Fanny J. Crosby, music by William H. Doane)

I Am Thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told they love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To thy precious, bleeding side.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

(Words & music by Kandela Groves)

He Is Our Peace, who has broken down every wall
He is our peace, He is our peace
He is our peace, who has broken down every wall
He is our peace, He is our peace

Cast all your cares on Him for He careth for you
He is our peace, He is our peace
Cast all your cares on Him for He careth for you
He is our peace, He is our peace

Scripture Reading (Mark 5:25-43)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one area in your life where you
desire to place your faith in God to deal with.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, thank You for giving us the opportunity to place our faith in
You. We were not Your people but because of Your finished work on
the Cross of Calvary, today we have the privilege of being a co-heir
with You to all the inheritance we have in God. We pray that we will
constantly walk in faith and trust You to bring refreshing into our lives.
We ask that You restore our hearts and heal the wounds that we may
live in the newness of our relationship with God. Blessed be the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ. And so we pray together:

(unison) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #15

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we gather in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to worship You. We want to say we love You for You first loved us. We offer ourselves to You for Your Kingdom's purpose. Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 172; words by William R. Featherstone, music by Adoniram J. Gordon)

My Jesus, I Love Thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

(Words & music by Brian Doerksern)

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Scripture Reading (Matthew 14:1-21)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one experience where God showed you His grace and provided for you when really, the provisions were not fully there.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, we thank You that You take the little we have and often multiply it in ways we never imagine. But Lord, often we stand in the way of Your work as we are reluctant to give because we think we do not have enough. Teach us in our lack in whatever way, to offer to You what we have and allow You to work in our lives to demonstrate Your amazing grace in providing for our need. And so we pray together:

(unison) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #16

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we thank You as a family for Your loving presence in our lives. We now come into presence to worship You and honour the Christ, the Son of the living God. Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 189; original words by Munster Gesangbuch, music by Schlesische Volkslieder)

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be thine.

(Words & music by Darlene Zschech)

Shout to the Lord all the earth; let us sing
Power and majesty; praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You; forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter; tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You

Scripture Reading (Matthew 16:13-26)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one who is Jesus Christ to you and your family.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, You are the great teacher, and a great worker of miracles. But You are more than that. You did not come into this world to just be an example. You came into this world to bring forgiveness and life to us. You came into this world to love us. You are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who taught us to pray:

(*unison*) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Family Devotion (Gospels V1) #17

Opening Prayer (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we thank You as a family for Your loving presence in our lives. We now come into presence to worship You and honour the Christ, the Son of the living God. Amen.

Songs of Worship

(UMH 77; words and music by Stuart K. Hine)

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How Great Thou Art, how great thou art!
(repeat)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

(Words & music by Karen Lafferty)

Seek Ye First the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

Scripture Reading (Matthew 17:1-13)

Reflection

Take turns as family members to share one thing that you think is close to the heart of Christ.

Prayer for the Family (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, You are God and You give us glimpses of who You are from time to time. Teach us to draw close to You day after day that we may understand the things that are close to Your heart – the things that are important to You and the things You desire for us to know, that there may be peace in our hearts and that our joy may be full. Teach us what it means to walk with You faithfully and to trust You in all that we live, need, and do. We ask this in Your name and pray:

(unison) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.