

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #1**

### **Opening Prayer** (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ who loved us and gave His life up for us on the Cross of Calvary. Thank You for the wonderful expression of Your love. Today, we gather as a family to worship You with hearts of thanksgiving for Your wonderful gift of love. Thank You for Your love and forgiveness in our lives. Thank You for being our Saviour and Lord. Thank You for salvation that overflows in love for one another and for others outside our family. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 431; words & music by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson)

Let There Be Peace on Earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

(Words & music by Dave Bilbrough)

Let There Be Love Shared Among Us, let there be love in our eyes,  
May now Your love sweep this nation, cause us, O Lord, to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding of brotherly love that is real,  
Let there be love shared among us, let there be love.

### **Scripture Reading** (John 4:1-42; Luke 10:25-37)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one thing you can do to show love to your neighbor – someone in need who may be in your family, neighbourhood, school/work, or church.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Parent)

Father, You have called us to love You with our whole hearts. But You did not stop there... You have also called us to love one another and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Thank You for the people You put around us in our lives – thank You for family, thank You for friends, thank You for colleagues, thank You for brothers and sisters in the Your church.

Show us what it means to be Christ-like in our relationships. Forgive us for times we have allowed differences and tensions to form barriers between us in the family. Forgive us for being bias to others on the basis of race, gender, or things that make us different. Most of all, forgive us for our indifference towards others. We have failed to show Your love through our lives. Teach us to follow You in our hearts by showing love; most of all in loving one another in the family of God. It starts there that others can see that we are truly Your followers. So let love begin with us, and let love begin with the house of God.

Keep us in Your love as we walk with You daily.

*(unison)*

May the Lord bless us and keep us;

May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #2**

### **Opening Prayer** (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, childhood is so short that sometimes, we forget what it means to be a child. But today, we want to come before You as Your children, in one family, to worship You and acknowledge You as Lord of our lives. Teach us once again how to come before You as children in simple trust, in humility, and in faith. Draw us closer to You and may our hearts be able to sense what it means to belong to Your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 430; words by Washington Gladden, music by H. Percy Smith)

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee in lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only Thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

(Words & music by Graham Kendrick)

From Heaven You came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve.  
And give Your life that we might live.

This is our God, The Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.

So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone Him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.

### **Scripture Reading** (Luke 18:9-14; Matthew 18:1-6)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one way you can become like a little child who belongs to the Kingdom of heaven.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Parent)

Father, You have taught us what it means to be humble like a child.  
Forgive us when we forget that. You have taught us not to be proud  
because You oppose the proud. Forgive us when we are prideful. You  
have taught us to serve one another in humility. Forgive us when we  
are self-seeking and place ourselves as more important than others.  
Help us learn humility from the children you place around us in our  
family, biological or spiritual.

*(unison)*

May the Lord bless us and keep us;  
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #3**

### **Opening Prayer** (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, thank You for Your great love for us. You have saved us from sin through Jesus Christ; You have watched over us each day; You have provided for all our needs. This day, we gather as a family to worship You, our Lord and our God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 156; words by Katherine Hankey, music by William G. Fischer)

I Love to Tell the Story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

(Words & music by Mark Altrogge)

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,  
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.  
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,  
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.

And I'm Forever Grateful to You.  
I'm forever grateful for the Cross;  
I'm forever grateful to You  
That You came to seek and save the lost.

### **Scripture Reading** (Luke 15:1-31)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one way you can reflect more of the loving forgiving father and reflect less of the unforgiving older brother in the parable.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Parent)

Father, we are like sheep which have gone astray. We've turned everyone to one's own way. Yet You in Your great love, chose to look out for us and find us in our lost-ness. And You brought us back to "home" where all of heaven rejoices that once we were lost, but now am found. Thank You for Your forgiveness and for restoring us in our relationship with You. Teach us to more and more reflect Your goodness, Your grace, and Your heart of forgiveness in our relationships. Make our home a place where we see and experience more and more Your loving heart, the loving heart of our heavenly Father.

*(unison)*

May the Lord bless us and keep us;  
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #4**

### **Opening Prayer** (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, thank You for raising Christ from the dead. Thank You that today, Christ lives and walks in our midst. We pray that as we gather as a family to worship You, You will visit us with a special visitation. May we know Your love and Your presence in a fresh new way. May we renew our loyalties to You as we worship You, our Lord, our God and our Redeemer. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 327; words by Matthew Bridges and 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 they 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.

(Words & music by Darlene Zschech)

Father of Life, Draw Me Closer; Lord, my heart is set on You.

Let me run the race of time with your life enfolding mine

And let the peace of God, let it reign.

Oh Holy Spirit, You're my comfort;

Strengthen me, hold my head up high.

And I stand upon Your truth, bringing glory unto You

And let the peace of God, let it reign.

Oh Lord, I hunger for more of You

Rise up within me, let me know Your truth

Oh Holy Spirit, saturate my soul

And let the life of God fill me now

Let Your healing power breathe life and make me whole

And the peace of God, let it reign.

### **Scripture Reading** (John 11:1-57)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one thought on what this means to you – Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Parent)

Father, we see Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord as one who understands our feelings and pains as human beings. Yet He was Divine, having authority over life and death. Thank You that this Christ who conquered death is alive today living His life in and through us. Teach what it means to allow Him to do just that, so that we may experience the fullness of life in Christ.

(*unison*)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;

May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #5**

### **Opening Prayer** (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, we thank You that once again we can come before You as a family. We are ever grateful of Your abiding love and Your ongoing engaging presence in our daily lives. We thank You for Your constant faithfulness, and the acceptance You show us in our weaknesses. Yet, Your love seeks to bring us further than where we are today. Thank You, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 400; words by Robert Robinson, music from Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

(Words & music by Darlene Zschech)

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** (Luke 18:35-43, 19:1-9)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share what is one thing you are asking Jesus Christ to do in your life.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Parent or family member)

Father, You ask us today "What do you want me to do for you?" just like Jesus who asked the blind man. You tell us "I must stay at your house today." just like Jesus who said the same to Zacchaeus. So we say today, "We want to see You and Your goodness in clearer light. We want Your presence in this home so that Your salvation may find full expression in our lives and relationships." Thank You, Lord, for Your love, for Your presence, for Your leading, and for the work of transformation that the Holy Spirit brings into our hearts. Teach us to walk with You with eyes of faith and experience true freedom in the forgiveness of our sins. And now, we commit ourselves as a family to You.

(*unison*)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;  
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #6**

### **Opening Prayer** (Child or family member)

Father in heaven, we thank You for parents You have blessed us with. We get to know a little bit about Your great love from the way they loved us. Today, we gather as a family to once again welcome You in our home. May Your presence be special to us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 280; words by Theodulph of Orleans, music by Melchior Teschner)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
And we with all creation in chorus make reply

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

(Words & music by Martin J. Nystrom & Don Moen, 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza by Herbert Tan)

Times of Refreshing here in Your presence

No greater blessing than being with You  
My soul is restored, my mind is renewed  
There's no greater joy, Lord, than being with You.

Times of renewal here in Your presence  
No deeper living than walking with You  
My heart made alive, my love overflows  
There's no greater moment, than staying with You

### **Scripture Reading** (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:15-19)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one thing you would do to welcome Jesus into your home OR one way you could contribute to making your home a little "house of prayer".

### **Prayer for the Family** (Parent or family member)

Father, teach us to constantly welcome You in our home with all of our heart, soul, and mind. Let us not be ashamed of You. Let us learn how to practice Your presence in all that we do and say. Teach us to come before You every moment in simple communion and prayer, for You are there walking beside us each step of our life. May we speak to You in simple conversations, the things that may seem insignificant from our perspective, but nevertheless an indispensable part of conversation in relationships. Teach us the simplicity of resting in Your love and allow You to bring us deeper into Your presence and grace, trusting You with each step that we take as a family. We bring before You ourselves – take us and love us.

*(unison)*

May the Lord bless us and keep us;

May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #7**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we gather as your people, as your family to worship You. We thank You for seeing us through another week. We thank You for the wonderful gift of family and for showing Your love through each one of us. We thank You for the greatest gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, for it is in His name we pray, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 362; words & music by Robert Lowry)

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow;  
No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Words & music by John Wimber; Spirit Song)

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. (2x)

O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

### **Scripture Reading** (John 3:1-21; Matthew 26:14-16)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one thing about what Jesus means to you personally.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Father, thank You for loving us and for Your Son Jesus Christ, who lives in our hearts today. Thank You for the forgiveness that we received because Jesus died on the cross for us. We pray that You will teach us how to walk with Jesus, how to love and obey Him, and how to share His love with others around us. Help us to be faithful in all that we do, that Your name may be honoured in our lives. Teach us to value each other in the family because each one of us is precious to You. Provide for all that we need, and keep us from all evil.

(*unison*)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;  
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #8**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we gather with grateful hearts as a family to thank You for seeing us through another week. Your grace has seen us through the difficult moments and kept our hearts encouraged through Your Word and through friends. We now pause to worship You, for You alone are worthy to be worshipped. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 430; words by Washington Gladden, music by H. Percy Smith)

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong;

(Words & music by Kelly Willard)

Make Me a Servant, humble and meek  
Lord, let me lift up, those who are weak  
And may the pray'r of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant, today.

### **Scripture Reading** (John 13:1-17)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one way you can be a servant to others in the family.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Father, You have taught us how important it is for our hearts to be right with You. You have shown through the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, what it means to be a servant. Teach us to be like Jesus Christ, to have a servant heart and to serve one another in the family. Teach us to do that out of love for You, and love for one another in the family. And the times when it is most difficult to love, give us the strength and remind us how Your Son Jesus Christ kept loving in the face of rejection. When it is most difficult to serve, remind us that what we do to one another, we have done it to Christ. It is the Lord Jesus Christ whom we serve.

Now watch over us as a family as we learn to relate to one another. Give us a more generous and open heart towards each other. Keep us from unnecessary hurt. Where there are wounds, release Your forgiveness through us and bring about healing. Where there are threats, keep us safe and let Your power and love overcome all evil.  
(unison)

May the Lord bless us and keep us;

May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.



## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #9**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we gather in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as a family to come and worship You. May each moment we spend together before Your throne draw us closer to You and to a deeper knowing of Your Son, our Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 156; words by Katherine Hankey, music by William G. Fischer)

I Love to Tell the Story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

(Words & music by Geoff Bullock)

Lord I come to You; let my heart be changed, renewed  
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You  
Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away by the Power of Your Love

Hold me close, let Your love surround me  
Bring me near; draw me to Your side  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You; Your Spirit leads me on  
In the power of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes; let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me  
Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life  
In living everyday by the power of Your love

### **Scripture Reading** (John 13:18-38)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one difference between betrayal and loving one another that would indicate to our friends and neighbours that we are disciples of Christ.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ. Even though He was betrayed, yet He still loved. Teach us to love one another even as Christ has loved us first. Thank You for Your great love for us that we are in special relationship with You today.

*(unison)*

May the Lord bless us and keep us;  
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #10**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we come before You as a family to express our praise and adoration for who You are and what You have done. Thank You for taking all our sin, pain, and sorrows, and for placing them on the Cross of Calvary. Thank You that today through the finished work of Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary, we can come right into Your holy presence. We praise You and we worship You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 382; words by Adelaide A. Pollard, music by George C. Stebbins)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Savior today!  
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

(Words & music by Claude Fraysse & Leila Hamrat)

My Heart Longs for You, my Savior; I would follow You, my Lord.

Your kindness and love are vast as the skies,  
Your faithfulness never dies.  
My God and my King, Your great name I sing;  
My offering of praise I bring.

Jesus, O Jesus, I give You my life (2x)

My soul contemplates Your glory; I worship in holy awe  
In quietness and in confident trust, I rest in all that you are.  
I'll sing to the world Your glory and grace  
Until I behold Your face

### **Scripture Reading** (Mark 14:27-56)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one area of your life that you find it challenging or a struggle to submit to God in total obedience.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Father, our hearts long for You. We know that Your will is always good but as humans, we do not see everything. So when we go through difficult times, we struggle to obey You in everything. We are often not sure what it means to obey You. Teach us to trust You and submit ourselves to You. You are a God of love and there is no evil intent in You – You are Light, Holiness, and Righteousness. Teach us as a family to walk with You in humble obedience, submitting ourselves to Your heart's desire and Your will in each of our lives.

*(unison)*

May the Lord bless us and keep us;  
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #11**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, thank You for Your goodness to us. Thank You for Your faithful provision. Thank You for life and family. We come before You as a family now acknowledging You as Lord in our lives. Thank You for taking us by the hand and leading us. Thank You for watching over us even as You watch over every sparrow that flies. We worship You as You lead us each step of the way, and as we learn to trust You in every aspect of our daily life. 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.

Sometime 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.

(Words & music by Darlene Zschech)

Your eye is on the sparrow; and Your hand, it comforts me  
From the ends of the earth to the depth of my heart  
Let Your mercy and strength be seen  
You call me to Your purpose as angels understand  
For Your glory, may You draw all men  
As Your love and grace demand

And I Will Run to You, to Your words of truth  
Not by might, not by power but by the Spirit of God  
Yes I will run the race till I see Your face  
Oh let me live in the glory of Your grace.

### **Scripture Reading** (Mark 14:53-72)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one thing you feel about Jesus and the event as you see the way he was wrongly accused and framed.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Father, it sometimes boggles us why Your Son Jesus Christ put up with all those false accusations and remained calm when the odds are against Him. At least we know that You are still in control and nothing happens without You allowing it. We look at our own difficult situations and have many questions. But teach us to look to You and know in a deep way Your hand holding on to ours. In the moments of darkness, may we experience Your mercy and grace. Help us not to give up but to live in the glory of Your grace until all Your purposes are fulfilled in our lives.

*(unison)*

May the Lord bless us and keep us;  
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #12**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we bow before You now as a family, thanking You for Your grace in our lives. Thank You for watching over us in the past week and for providing for our every need. You have blessed the works of our hands and they have borne fruit. We return the glory back to You for it is You who have prospered the works of our hands. We continue to look to You as a family as we worship You, our Lord and our King. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 514; words by George Duffield, Jr.; music by George J. Webb)

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
List high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

(Words & music by Jamie Harvill & Nancy Gordon)

#### Jesus, You're My Firm Foundation

I know I can stand secure  
Jesus, You're my firm foundation  
I put my hope in Your Holy Word; I put my hope in Your Holy Word.

I have a living hope, I have a future  
God has a plan for me – of this I'm sure; of this I'm sure.

Your word is faithful; mighty with power  
God will deliver me – of this I'm sure; of this I'm sure.

### **Scripture Reading** (John 18:28-19:6; Matthew 27:24-26)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one event in the past that you struggled as you considered making a stand for Jesus Christ.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Father, You understand the struggles of our hearts, how sometimes it is so difficult to make a stand for You. There are times we have not been ashamed to defend Your name, but there are also times when we wished people didn't know we are followers of Jesus Christ. Forgive us for failing to make a clear stand for You and for what is right in Your eyes. Give us the courage to pursue Your name and to make Your name an aroma of life to many others. Teach us to rely on You as we live in integrity as a follower of Jesus Christ. Guard our hearts when it starts to be invaded by fear. Let Your love keep our hearts in Your peace and confidence.

*(unison)*

May the Lord bless us and keep us;  
May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #13**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we come before You this day as a family that is constantly in need of Your grace and mercy. Thank You for Your goodness to us, bestowing on us every spiritual blessing in Christ. We come as a family to worship You and to once again acknowledge You as God of our home. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 362; words & music by Robert Lowry)

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow;  
No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(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 power 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 hold me to.

### **Scripture Reading** (Luke 23:26-43; John 19:24)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one area of your life where you have experienced the forgiveness of Christ.

**A** Lord, we confess to you.

**C** Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

**A** Lord, we confess to you.

**C** Lord, we build barriers between us.

**A** Lord, we confess to you.

**C** Lord, we confess that by silence and inappropriate words

**A** We have built up walls of prejudice.

**C** Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy

**A** We have stifled generosity and left little time for one another.

**C** Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we can be deaf. Come, fill this moment. Free us from sin. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #14**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we thank You for Your Son Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself up for us. We now gather as a family in Your loving presence to worship Him, King of kings, and Lord of lords. 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 I 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 Tim Hughes)

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to Worship; here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in Heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor.

### Bridge

I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sins up on that cross

### **Scripture Reading** (Matthew 27:45-51; John 19:30-33)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one thought of what you understand of Jesus as "the Son of God."

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for our sins. Thank you for demonstrating Your love to us while we were yet sinners. We enthrone You as Lord of our family. Teach us to honour You in our ways. Teach us to honour Your name in our lives for You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. In His name we pray, Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #15**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we gather as a family to acknowledge You as King, the living Lord in our lives. We worship You for in us, Your eternity meets our finite hearts and displays Your eternal glory. Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 310; words & music by Alfred H. Ackley)

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

He Lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

(Words & music by Reuben Morgan)

I know He rescued my soul; His blood has covered my sin –  
I believe, I believe  
My shame He's taken away; my pain is healed in His name –  
I believe, I believe  
I'll raise the banner 'cos my Lord has conquered the grave

My Redeemer Lives (4x)

### **Bridge**

You lift my burdens; I'll rise with You  
I'm dancing on this mountain top to see Your kingdom come

### **Scripture Reading** (Matthew 27:62-66; 28:1-10)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one thought what the resurrection of Jesus Christ means to you.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for our sins. Thank You, Father, for raising Christ from the dead. Thank You that today, Jesus Christ walks with us daily and does the work of transforming us through the Holy Spirit of God. Teach us what it means to be crucified with Christ and to allow Christ in His resurrected life to live through us. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:  
(*in unison*) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #16**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we come together as a family to worship Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord and Saviour. We give thanks to You because You have been good to us and Your grace continues to operate in our lives daily. Thank You for Your transforming work of grace in our lives that Your glory may be displayed through us. Be with us now in the fullness of Your presence. May Your presence be special to us now. Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 314; words & music by C. Austin Miles)

I Come to the Garden Alone while the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,  
But he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.

(Words & music by Noel Richards)

You Laid Aside Your Majesty, gave up everything for me,  
Suffered at the hands of those You have created  
You took all my guilt and shame, when You died and rose again;  
Now today You reign, in heav'n and earth exalted.

I really want to worship You, my Lord,  
You have won my heart and I am Yours  
Forever and ever; I will love You.  
You are the only one who died for me,  
Gave Your life to set me free,  
So I lift my voice to You, in adoration.

### **Scripture Reading** (John 20:3-29)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one situation in your life where you desired to be able to sense strongly the presence of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. Remember that regardless of whether you can see or feel Him, He is always there with us every moment and everywhere.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, thank You for living presence in our lives. Even when we don't see You, You are there watching over us in our moments of fear, confusion, grief, and loneliness. Teach us to look for hints of Your presence in our daily lives. In Your name we pray together:  
(*in unison*) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #17**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we come into Your presence recognizing how weak we are and how often we quit in the most crucial of moments. We need You and so we come as a family to renew ourselves. Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 382; words by Adelaide A. Pollard, music by George C. Stebbins)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Savior today!  
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

(Words & music by Mark Altrogge)

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,  
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.  
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,  
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.

And I'm Forever Grateful to You  
I'm forever grateful for the Cross;  
I'm forever grateful to You  
That You came to seek and save the lost.

### **Scripture Reading** (John 21-1-25)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share your answer to Jesus Christ if He were to ask you, "Do you love me more than these (could refer to something or someone in your life)?" Give one reason for your answer.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, You love us so much that You invite us again and again into Your presence to enjoy You. Sometimes we are not sure of You; sometimes not even sure of ourselves. But You know us through and through – our ups and downs, our successes and failures. Through it all, You loved us and continues to challenge us to respond in love. You gave Your all for us; help us to give our all for You, the One who died for all our sins on the cross of Calvary. Be with us, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:  
(*in unison*) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Family Devotion (Gospels V2) #18**

### **Opening Prayer** (Parent or family member)

Father in heaven, we worship You, the Lord of the universe, Creator of the whole world. We come as a family to remind ourselves we owe our existence to You who has called us to go into the world. Amen.

### **Songs of Worship**

(UMH 572; words & music by Kurt Kaiser)

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;  
You spread his love to everyone; you want to Pass It On.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;  
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

(Words & music by Dan Schutte)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I Am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

### **Scripture Reading** (Matthew 28:11-20; Luke 24:44-52)

### **Reflection**

Take turns as family members to share one thing that you can do in obedience to the call of God to make disciples.

### **Prayer for the Family** (Child or family member)

Lord Jesus, You have given us so much – life, friends, family. Help us to share of Your love, of ourselves, of our gifts and time, that others may catch a glimpse of Your goodness and grace. Teach us as a family to reflect You more and more as we live and move together. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Provide for all our needs and keep us from all evil. We ask these for the sake of Your name and for Your glory. Amen.