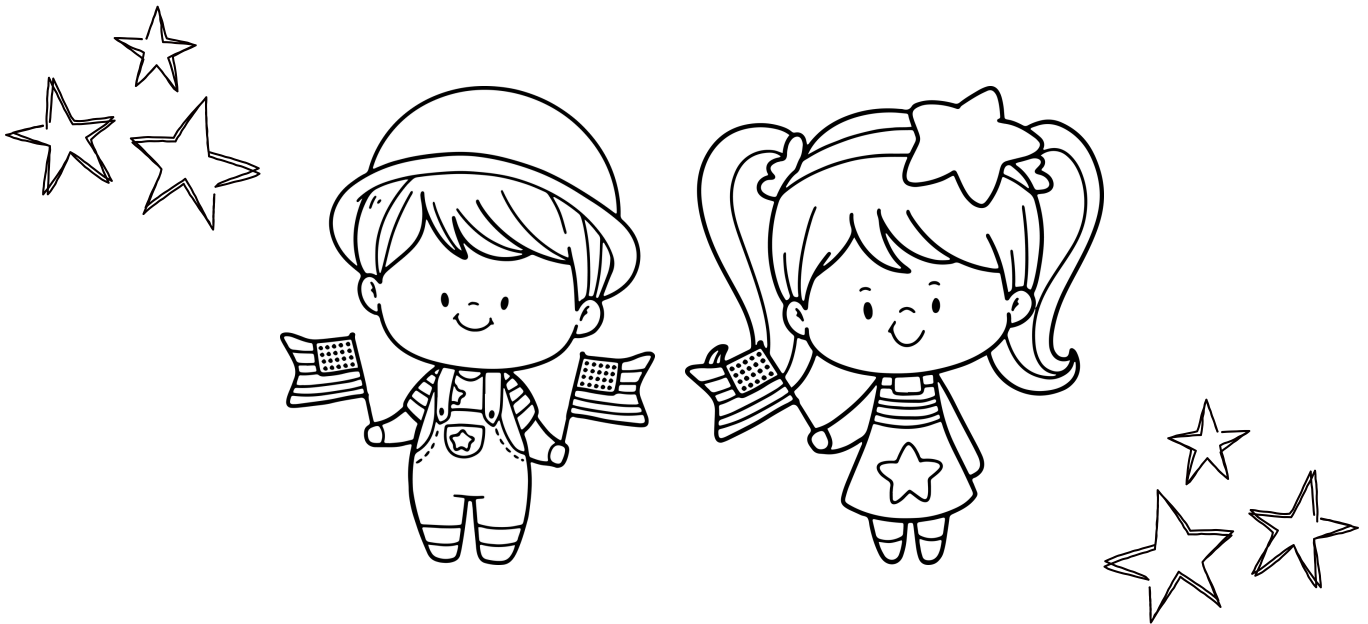


NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FAMILY GUIDE

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PRAYER POINT ONE FAMILY

Pray: Ask God to reveal His truth through the Bible. Ask Him to guide you to pray according to His will.

Read: Luke 11:1-13. **Discuss** what you heard that was meaningful.

Discussion Questions:

1. Family includes fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and other extended family. Name some of the people who are in your own family and spend time praying for them.
2. Describe ways you have been helped or influenced by a family member.
3. What challenges and needs are families experiencing today? Name as many as you can think of, including things like lack of food, loss of job, safety, stressful relationships, grief, etc.
4. How can you, as a family, have an influence for good or bad in our world?

Prayer Points for Family: Take turns praying sentence prayers. Thank God for the ministry and influence of your own family members and other families. Pray for families in our country and for families you know. Use some of the following prayer points or pray your own.

- Provision
- Protection
- Wisdom
- Creativity
- Peace
- Truth
- Courage
- Boldness
- Honesty
- Holiness
- Humility
- Forgiveness
- Purity
- Correction
- Conviction of sin
- Comfort in sorrow or loss
- Service to others
- Encouragement
- Healthy Relationships
- Encounter with Jesus
- Love for others

PRAYER POINT TWO CHURCH

Pray: Ask God to reveal His truth through the Bible. Ask Him to guide you to pray according to His will.

Read: Colossians 1:9-14. **Discuss** what you heard that was meaningful.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastors, deacons, elders, Sunday School teachers, missionaries, and ministry leaders are just a few of the types of leaders we see in the church. Name others who would be included, even naming specific people in your own church.
2. Describe ways you have been helped or influenced for good by church members or leaders.
3. What challenges and needs are people in the church experiencing today? Examples might include telling others about Jesus, making disciples, a decline in giving, broken relationships, and a lack of love or support.
4. How can church members have an influence for good or bad?

Prayer Points for Family: Take turns praying sentence prayers. Thank God for the ministry and influence of church members and leaders. Pray for churches in our country and for people in churches you know. Use some of the prayer points from Prayer Point One above, or pray your own.

PRAYER POINT THREE EDUCATION

Pray: Ask God to reveal His truth through the Bible. Ask Him to guide you to pray according to His will.

Read: 2 Timothy 2:1-2; 14-19; 3:10-17. **Discuss** what you heard that was meaningful.

Discussion Questions:

1. Parents, teachers, students, and administrators are a few of the people we can pray for in Education (whether public, private, or homeschooled). Can you think of any others who would be included?
2. Describe ways a person in Education has impacted or influenced your life for good.
3. What challenges and needs are people in Education experiencing today? Examples might include such things as closed schools, discipline problems, violence, and lack of funding.
4. How can the Education system and those working in it have an influence for good or bad?

Prayer Points for Family: Take turns praying sentence prayers. Thank God for the ministry and influence of someone in Education. Ask God to call, equip, and establish Christians in these places of influence. Use some of the prayer points from Prayer Point One, or pray your own.

PRAYER POINT FOUR ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, MEDIA

Pray: Ask God to reveal His truth through the Bible. Ask Him to guide you to pray according to His will.

Read: Acts 16:16-34. **Discuss** what you heard that was meaningful.

Discussion Questions:

1. Artists, actors, athletes, musicians, movie makers, workers in television and internet companies, and publishers are a few of the types of people we can pray for in arts, entertainment, and media. Can you think of any others who would be included in this category?
2. What challenges and needs are people in these industries experiencing? Name as many as you can think of.
3. How can these groups have an influence for good or bad?

Prayer Points for Family: Take turns praying sentence prayers. Ask God to call, equip, and establish Christians in these places of influence. Pray for the Christians already in these areas to have a powerful testimony for Christ and for influential people to be transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Use some of the prayer points from Prayer Point One, or pray your own.

PRAYER POINT FIVE MILITARY

Pray: Ask God to reveal His truth through the Bible. Ask Him to guide you to pray according to His will.

Read: Ephesians 6:10-20. **Discuss** what you heard that was meaningful.

Discussion Questions:

1. The Military includes veterans and active duty soldiers, sailors, airmen, chaplains, and all sorts of administrators and support personnel. Can you think of anyone else who would be included, or do you have someone in your family who falls under this category?
2. List some of the freedoms you enjoy because of the service and sacrifice of people in the Military.
3. What challenges and needs are people in the Military experiencing today? Name as many as you can think of. Could include such things as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, separation from family, stress in hostile territory, and wounded warriors.
4. How can the Military have an influence of good or bad in our world?

Prayer Points for Family: Take turns praying sentence prayers. Thank God for the ministry and influence of the Military. Pray for those who serve our country. Ask God to call, equip, and establish Christians in these places of influence. Thank God for the service and sacrifice of our military personnel and pray for God's blessings on them and their families.

PRAYER POINT SIX GOVERNMENT

Pray: Ask God to reveal His truth through the Bible. Ask Him to guide you to pray according to His will.

Read: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Jeremiah 29:7. **Discuss** what you heard that was meaningful.

Discussion Questions:

1. The Government includes such people as our president, judges, legislators, mayors, city council, school board members, and first responders like police and firefighters. Can you think of anyone who would fall under this category, or do you know someone personally?
2. Describe ways you have been helped or influenced for good by a person in Government?
3. What challenges and needs are people in Government experiencing? Include such things as decision making that could mean life or death for citizens, budget management, conflict over values and convictions, corruption, and need for wisdom and compassion.
4. How can the Government have an influence for good or evil?

Prayer Points for Family: Take turns praying sentence prayers. Ask God to call, equip, and establish Christians in these places of influence. Pray for the Christians already in these areas to have a powerful testimony for Christ and for influential people to be transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Use some of the prayer points from Prayer Point One, or pray your own.

10 WAYS FOR KIDS TO PRAY

1. Praise God

God you're so good to me. You made everything and you're so awesome. I love you.

2. Thank God

Thank you God for making me. Thank you for taking care of me. Thank you for the family and friends you gave me.

3. Pray for Others

God, please help _____ to _____.

4. Pray for the Church

Lord, please bless Pastor _____ and let his work at church be pleasing to you and bear much fruit.

5. Pray for the Country

God, please help the leaders of our country to make wise decisions that honor You.

6. Pray for School

Thank you that I have a chance to learn every day, whether I'm at home, online, or at school. Please help my teacher _____ to have everything they need.

7. Pray for Family

God please help me to show love to my _____.

8. Pray for Health

Lord, please heal _____ from _____. Help him/her to feel better and not be afraid.

9. Pray for Safety

God, please keep me and my family and friends safe and healthy. Help me to resist temptation.

10. Pray for Growth

Lord, you are so good. Please help me to be more like you every day. Thank you for hearing me when I talk to you.

BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD.

Psalm 33:12

