

Devotion 1: A Petition of Praise

“Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.”

- *Materials you'll need: a Bible, a piece of paper, pens or markers*
- Read Psalm 111 aloud as a family.
- Make a list of all the ways the psalmist praises God...what attributes or names of God do you see?
- Look at the list together? Have each person pick one word that stands out and talk about how or when they have seen God show up in that way in their life. For example: Gracious. I noticed that God was gracious when.....
- Pray together that the families in your neighborhood or on your impact list would be able to see God's goodness in their lives and praise Him along with you.
- Close by saying the entire Lord's Prayer together.

Devotion 2: God's Kingdom

“Your kingdom come,”

- *Materials you'll need: a Bible, a piece of paper, pens or markers, a map, yellow and blue markers, creativity*
- Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-7 as a family. What is God talking about in this passage? Talk about what surprises you, confuses you, or encourages you. Is God calling you to action?
- Open a phone book to the map section. Find the map where your address is. Look at the streets and places surrounding your home. Take a yellow highlighter and color a circle where your home is. You are light. God wants to use your family to be light right where you are. He wants to spread the light of Jesus through you.
- Now, take a blue marker and place X's where the homes of friends and neighbors are who don't know Jesus or need to be brought into a kingdom of light. Tear out that map and hang it on your wall.
- Make a family “impact list” (a list of neighbors and friends that don't know Jesus that you can intentionally pray for and impact) that you can hang up next to the map.
- Pray by name for those people and homes. Pray that they may be brought into God's kingdom. Then, pick one person or home that your family can bless TODAY. Pick a way to bless them and GO DO IT! Right now!

Devotion 3: God's in Charge!

“your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.”

- *Materials you'll need: a Bible, your impact list*
- Read 2 Peter 3:9 and John 10:10. God's will is for all people to be saved and to be in an abundant relationship with Him. His will is for us to be strong in our faith and trusting God completely.
- Where do you struggle in your faith? Where are you doubting or not trusting? Share as a family. This might be hard....go ahead and be honest!
- Brainstorm ways to help each other be stronger in their faith. How can you support each other? What are you needing from your family?
- Find ways to surprise and encourage each other this week for the situation each family member confessed they are struggling with. (Ex: post-it note with scripture, a Hershey kiss and I love you message, a note in their lunch, text message bible verse)
- Pray for each other and pray together for your impact list. Pray that God's will would be done in the lives of those on your impact list. Pray that your impact list would visibly see God's will being done in your family's life.
- Close by saying the entire Lord's Prayer together.

Devotion 4: Thankful Hearts

“Give us today our daily bread.”

- *Materials you'll need: a Bible, your impact list, thank you cards, pens*
- Read Matthew 6:31-34 and Matthew 25:34-40.
- Take a tour of your home. Consider all the ways God has provided for your family. Stop and look at pictures of friends and family. Consider how God has blessed your family.
- Stand in a circle and say a prayer of thanksgiving.
- Give each person in your family a blank thank you card. Have each person write a “thank you” note to someone on your impact list who has blessed you....in friendship, materially, or by encouraging you, etc. Make sure that, in your note, you mention that God has used them to bless you.
- Spend time thanking God for each of those people by name and praying that they, too, will see their daily provisions as a gift from God.
- Family Challenge: Schedule a time for your family to go serve at a food pantry or shelter this week.
- Close by saying the entire Lord's Prayer together.

Devotion 5: Forgiven

“And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.”

- *Materials you'll need: a Bible, your impact list, paper, a metal container, matches, song listed below*
- Read Psalm 103. What phrase or verse stands out to you? Why? What is verse 12 talking about?
- Talk about a time when you've had to forgive someone. Is it easy? Has it ever been hard? Why does God ask us to forgive others?
- God's love and forgiveness is to be reflected first in the family. Do you need to ask for forgiveness from someone in your family? Do you need to forgive someone in your family, even if they haven't asked for it? Do that now.
- Give each person in your family a blank piece of paper. Write your confession to God on that paper. In a metal container, light your papers on fire. If possible, listen to the song, “We Fall Down,” by Kutlass or “Forgiven,” by Sanctus Real.
- Pray for your impact list by name. Pray that the people on it would be convicted of their sin, recognize their need for a Savior, and accept the forgiveness offered in Jesus.
- Close by saying the entire Lord's Prayer together.

Devotion 6: Tempted?

“And lead us not into temptation”

- *Materials you'll need: a Bible, your impact list, paper, crayons or markers, concordance*
- Read James 1:12-18. According to this passage, where does temptation come from? What kinds of things come from God? How do you think we can know the difference?
- Talk about what kinds of things tempt your whole family the most (time, business, negative talk, etc). Make a “Just say no” type of poster for the temptation that your family faces. Somewhere on the poster, put a verse that can help remind your family of what God says about that temptation. (You might use your concordance to look up specific words like conversation, etc.) Challenge each person in your family to memorize that verse.
- Is anyone in your family dealing with a specific temptation? Help each other make a game plan to resist that temptation.
- Pray together. Ask God to open your eyes to where He is leading you. Tell God that you want Him to lead your family, and not temptation. Pray for your impact list. Pray that those on it would follow God's lead and resist the temptations in their lives.
- Talk about how God could lead your family to do good instead of falling to temptation. Consider what God could be leading your family to do today.....and this week.

Praying the Lord's Prayer as a Missional Family

Devotion 7: Delivered

“But deliver us from the evil one.”

- *Materials you'll need: an empty backpack, large rocks, a Bible, copies of the “soldier” outline, pens, impact list, map of your neighborhood from Devotion 2*
- Take an empty backpack and put it on one of your children's backs. Ask you children to name things that we need deliverance from. Be very specific. (Evil in our world...hatred, violence, etc. Hardships. Worry. Trials you are going through. Types of sin, etc.) As each thing is named, place a large rock in the backpack. Ask what would happen if the backpack kept getting heavier....300 pounds heavy! We wouldn't be able to carry it, would we? On our own, we are powerless to evil.
- Read Psalm 121:7-8, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, 2 Corinthians 12:9, 1 John 5:4-5, and 1 Corinthians 15:54-56. Talk about how we have power and victory through Jesus.
- Give each person a copy of the “soldier”. Have each person pick a name from your impact list to write at the top of the soldier. Pray Ephesians 6:10-18 for the person you picked, writing prayers on the soldier for each piece of armor. For example: On the helmet, you might write, “God, may Joe be outfitted with the helmet of salvation. May he know that eternal life and victory over death is possible through Jesus. Or, on the shoes, write, “May Joe know the peace that comes through a relationship with you.”
- Look at the map you made in Devotion 2. Pray that your neighborhood would be protected from evil, delivered from death, and accept the free gift of eternal life.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art 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.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.

(Matthew 6:9-13)