

Praying for Family Unity

“God I desire not to pretend to love others but to **really love** them. To hate what is wrong and hold tightly to what is good. I want to love my family with genuine affection, and take delight in **honoring** them. I desire not to be lazy, but work hard and serve You enthusiastically.

Empower me to rejoice in my confident hope by being patient in trouble, and to **keep on praying** no matter what happens... Help me to bless those who try to make my life difficult.

Help me to not curse them or criticize them; but to pray that You will bless them. Strengthen me to never pay back evil with more evil but to desire to do things in such a way that everyone can see I am honorable. I desire to do all that I can to live in peace with everyone. Help me to never take revenge but leave that to Your righteous anger. Help me not to let evil conquer me, but **empower me** to conquer evil by doing good...”

I will be patient and kind with every family member. I will not be jealous or boastful or proud or rude with them. I will not demand my own way. I will not be irritable, and I will keep no record of being wronged. I will quickly forgive every offense. I will not rejoice about injustice but I will always rejoice whenever the truth wins out.

I will never give up on my family. I will **never lose faith** in Your power, faithfulness and sovereignty at work within our relationships. I will **always be hopeful** for Your power to restore what has been broken and heal what has been wounded. Through Your power and grace my love for each member of my family will **endure with great joy**, through every circumstance...”

Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 13

Praying for Church Unity

“Since You God, chose me to be a part of the holy people You love - MVC, I must clothe myself with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Help me to make allowances for other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends me. I will remember that You Lord forgave me, so I will choose to forgive others when they don’t meet up to my expectations, don’t give me things I think I should get or take things from me.

Above all, empower me to clothe myself with love, which will bind the MV Community together in perfect harmony. I will let the peace that comes from You rule in my heart. For as a member of one body - Your body the Church, I am called to live in peace and to always be thankful.

I will let the message about You, in all its richness, fill my life. Help me to teach and counsel others with all the wisdom You give. Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to You God, with a thankful heart.

And whatever I do or say, I will do it as a representative of You the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through You to God my Father...

I pray that You God, the source of hope, will fill me completely with joy and peace because I trust in You. Then I will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”