



Strategic Prayer Guide for Family Transformation

(December 22, 2013 - January 5, 2014 & Beyond)

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31)

The following *scriptural* prayer guide and prayers will help you formulate your thoughts and pray prayers specific to your individual family needs/concerns as you commit your families to God and intercede for family transformation throughout 2014 – **the Year of Transformation**. *This guide is not all-inclusive; therefore, there is space below each area for your inclusion of whatever is relevant for your family.*

Remember, it is FAITH that Prays, Expects, and Acts!

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. We pray in His authority, professing the power of His Awesome, Mighty Name: *"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23).*

PUSH - *Pray Until Salvation Happens!*

1. **Household Salvation.** Pray for family members who do not know God, asking Him to open their eyes to His love and forgiveness and to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim 2:4) Pray they be saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph 2:8-10) Pray that the Word of God will be the foundation on which every family builds. Decree that your family will come forth into the fullness of what God has destined for them to be and to do.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

"Lord, you loved every person in my family so much that you gave your only Son. You aren't willing that any soul be lost. May _____ accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and become a new creation in You." (Jn. 3:16; Mt. 18:14; 2 Cor. 5:17) Fill them with the Holy Spirit, deliver them from any and all past hurts, wounds, addictions, or wrong-thinking, and cause Your love to fill their hearts.

Give us boldness and remove anything that would hinder us from being powerful witnesses of Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)

2. **Marriages.** "...for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let no man separate." (Matthew 19:5-6) Pray that husband/wives (male/female) will esteem their marriage as precious and be an example of God's love. Pray husbands will exercise their authority with love and wives will submit to their husbands with respect. (Eph 5:33)

Let marriage be held in honor (esteemed worthy, precious, of great price, and especially dear) in all things. And thus let the marriage bed be undefiled (kept undishonored); for God will judge and punish the unchaste [all guilty of sexual vice] and adulterous. (Heb 13:4) *AMP*

Pray that the children will marry another believer. "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14)

3. **Revelation of God's Love.** Whoever does not love does not know God, because *God is love*. (1 John 4:8) "Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for He guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked." (97:10) (*We must love the sinner, but hate the sin.*)

Abba Father, thank you that each and every one in my family will experience Your great love. Please remove anything that might hinder us from loving each other unconditionally. (1 John 4:7, 11; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

4. **Relationships.** Declare that your family will walk in love (Eph 5:2); being kind to one another and tenderhearted (Eph 4:32). Pray relationships be clothed in compassion, humility, gentleness, patience, honesty, etc. "And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 11:19)

- ✓ *The Elderly* – Pray that they will bear fruit in old age, proclaiming, "The Lord is just and that there is no unrighteousness in Him." (Psalms 92:14-15) *Holy Spirit, help us to patiently care for the elderly members of our family and to honor them by always showing respect; ensuring that they will never feel alone or unloved. (1 Tim. 5:4; Lev. 19:3; Heb. 12:9)*
- ✓ *Friends* – Pray for family members, including the children, to desire good, solid Christian friends. Proverbs says, "The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray." (12:26)
- ✓ *Peace* – God, you have called us to live in peace. Help us to be holy and pure in our attitudes toward one another so that the world will see You through us. (Heb. 12:14; Rom. 12:18)
- ✓ *Honesty* – You have commanded us to put off falsehood and speak truthfully, Lord, for we are all members of one body. In my family, may we be honest and transparent with one another because all else comes from the evil one. (Eph. 4:25; Matt. 5:37)
- ✓ *Speech* – Place a guard over our mouths, Lord. Remind us to not speak inconsiderately of anyone. When we're tempted to point out each other's faults, may we first confess and remove the sins from our own lives. Let us build up each other by speaking encouraging words that bring peace. (Ps. 141:3; Ps. 34:13; Eph. 4:29; Mt. 7:3-4)
- ✓ *Humility* – As Christ humbled Himself, we also choose to be humble before God, trusting the Lord and depending on Him to promote us. James says, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." (James 4:6) "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:10)

5. **Resolution of Bitterness/Anger.** We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12). *Therefore, we put on the whole armor of God.*

Pray that families will repent of unresolved anger and that Christ will bring healing. (1 John 1:9) Pray there be a **letting go** of all feelings of anger, bitterness and strife. Ask for help to forgive one another as Christ as forgiven us. (Eph 4:31, 32). Pray that every stronghold be identified and pulled down.

- ✓ *Forgiveness is Essential* – “bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must forgive.” (Colossians 3:13)

...“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” (Matthew 6:9-15)

Sometimes it seems that our family has been battling the same sinful attitudes and behaviors for years. Holy Spirit, give us the power to remove the stronghold(s) of _____ that have been present in our family for so long; we pull them down NOW, in the Name of Jesus. (2 Cor 10:3-5) We use Your mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. (2 Cor 2:10) Turn our offenses into testimonies of Your love.

6. **Wisdom/Guidance.** If anyone of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5) Pray families will seek God’s guidance in applying Godly principles to make home and family Christ-centered and Spirit-filled (Eph 3:13-19); and to daily depend on God’s Word in all you say and do, allowing His Word to be a lamp that guides you (Psalms 119:105), so that your way will be prosperous and you will have good success (Joshua 1:8).

Abba Father, please fill our family with the knowledge of Your will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Holy Spirit, help us to walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him and being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all might, according to God’s glorious power (Colossians 1:9-11)

7. **Discernment.** Confess that God is your family's strength and salvation. Ask Him to help you take up the shield of faith, wear the helmet of salvation, and carry the sword of the spirit, which is His Word. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize the devil's schemes and to stand in faith against divorce, betrayal, immorality, and every force of evil that targets your families. (Ex. 15:2; Eph. 6:11, 16-18)

*Empower our family, O God, to resist all negative thinking – especially, about _____
and fill our minds with whatever is true, right, lovely, excellent, or praiseworthy. (Phil. 4:8)
Fill us with the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18)*

8. **Parents/Parenting.** Pray for parent's faithfulness and agreement in prayer, asking God to meet all needs. (Philippians 4:19). *Help them to value their children as gifts, not burdens, knowing that children are a reward from the Lord. (Psalms 127:3)* Pray they set the example of walking humbly with God, loving mercy and being determined to act justly in all they do. (Micah 6:8)

Heavenly Father, establish the hearts of the parents so they will never be shaken. (Ps 112:6) Help us to teach the children how to seek God with their whole heart, soul and mind even as we seek You. (Hebrews 11:6) Please guide us as we train our children, not stirring them to anger, but bringing them up in God's great love. (Ephesians 6:1-4)

Train a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

9. **Children are an heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is our reward.** Pray that God will pour out His Spirit upon your offspring and His blessings upon your descendants. Commit your children to the Lord. Decree that your children will...

- ✓ *Know God's glory.* "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, thy glory unto their children" (Ps 90:16).
- ✓ *Be established before Him.* "The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee." (Psalm 102:28)
- ✓ *Know God's peace.* "All thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children." (Isaiah 54:13)
- ✓ *Have authority over the enemy.* "they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." (Psalm 127:3-5)

10. **Singles.** Pray they be devoted to the things that are pleasing to God. That He will fill their hearts with His love; and they will be satisfied with His friendship. Pray for sexual purity and for healing of those that are single through divorce or death. (I Corinthians 7:32) Pray against the spirit of loneliness and lies. Bless them with godly friends who will love them and provide wise counsel; always speaking the truth in love.

11. **Provision.** *Every good and perfect gift is from God and He cares about all our needs.* Ask God to teach contentment with His provisions, (Phil 4:11-13) and that families find their significance in Him, not in their possessions. (Matthew 6:25-30) Pray they will honor Him with their possessions and give Him the first fruits of their increase. (Proverbs 3:9)

Thank you for being the God that supplies all our families' needs. In You there is no lack, therefore, as part of the family of Christ, we declare there is no lack in our families. You are the Source and Sustainer of our Lives. Help us to be disciplined and wise in use of the resources You provide.

12. **Sexual immorality and impurity.** Ask God to remove sexual immorality and impurity down through the blood line (generationally) and help families to walk together in the spirit, being careful not to follow after their own wants and desires (Eph 5:3; Galatians 6:8), delivering families from strife, envy and violence. (Romans 13:13)

13. **Protective Boundaries** – Pray that your families are hedged in. By the Prophet Hosea, God says, "Therefore I will block her path with thorn bushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way" (2:6).

Jesus prayed, "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one" (John 17:15). Pray that God will protect your family from the devil and his demonic forces in each area of your lives: spiritually, emotionally, physically, intellectually, and socially.

Almighty God, "wall in" our family against wrong-doing, wrong places, and wrong people, and move us to right doing, right places, and right people. Destroy the devil's schemes and break the powers of darkness that are generationally hindering our family from the saving power of Jesus' Blood. Thank you that the angels of the Lord are encamped around us and no hurt, harm or danger shall come to us.

14. **Surrendered/Transformed.** Pray that your family would be surrendered to God and His will. Paul says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:1-2)

15. **Sanctification** – Pray that your family would be holy – set apart unto God! "It is God's will that you should be sanctified" (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

16. **Health/Healing.*** Pray that each family member walks in perfect and divine health.

Father God, our Healer, heal this family in every area of their lives. We know that Jesus was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him. It is Jesus Himself who bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live to righteousness; by whose stripes we were healed. And, God sent His Word to heal us. He forgives all our iniquities and heals ALL our diseases and delivers our bodies from destruction.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set my family free from the law of sin and death. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil. Therefore, we wish above all things that our families will prosper and be in health, even as their souls prosper. Now, we ask You, Lord, to touch them and release your healing power into their spirits, souls, and bodies. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Is. 53:5	1 Peter 2:24	Psalm 107:20	Psalm 103:3
Romans 8:2	1 John 3:8b	3 John 2	

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17. **Unity of the Faith.** *Father, thank you for blessing me with family. Bring us into a unity of Faith in Christ Jesus. Anything that is hidden in darkness - to cause disunity – bring it to light. Lead us into Your perfect truth and help us to be the family You intend us to be. Reveal yourself to us and let us come into agreement with you. Lead us in Your ways. Grant us compassionate hearts, fill us with Your love that does not keep records of wrong, and bring joy to our hearts when we think of one another. Bring Your perfect peace and unity into our family. In Jesus name, Amen.*

[Read and Meditate on these and other Scriptures as you pray; and BELIEVE God!]

Heavenly Father, thank you for our family and for each and every family that is a part of VTCLC now and in the future. You have ordained those families who are currently members of Victory and those families who are to come. We believe they are coming and we include them in this prayer, in the Name of Jesus.

- † "For I will fight those who fight you, and I will save your children. All the world will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel." (Isaiah 49:25-26)
- † "The mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and his righteousness unto our children's children." (Psalm 103:17)
- † I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me. (Acts 26:17-18)

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And It is Marvelous in our Sight!**