

A New Years Family Prayer Guide

Use this prayer guide to help you and your family as you prepare yourselves for a new year. Each category is designed to get you thinking about different things you can pray for together, but none of the categories are intended to be exhaustive or overly specific, so pray as the Holy Spirit guides you.

1. Pray for a Fresh Start

- Pray for God to reveal any unconfessed sin in your life so that you can start off with a right relationship with Him.
- Are there any strained family relationships in your home? Pray for God to heal them and do what you can to live at peace together.

Psalm 139:23 ESV

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

1 John 1:9 ESV

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Pray for Spiritual Growth

- Pray for God to help you develop spiritual disciplines like Bible Reading and Prayer.
- Commit to a specific time that you will spend time with God growing this next year.

Hebrews 5:12 ESV

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,

3. Pray for God's Guidance for a New Year

- As you make plans and goals for this next year, begin by praying for God's guidance and direction and then commit those plans to the Lord.

Isaiah 55:8 ESV

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

Proverbs 23:19 ESV

¹⁹ Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way.

4. Pray for the Lost You Know by Name

- Pray for any family members that may not yet know the Lord as their Savior.
- Pray for family members that have rejected Christ.
- Pray for others you know who do not know Christ as their Savior.

Romans 10:1 ESV

¹ Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

5. Pray for Government and Leaders

- Pray for national, state, and local leaders in government.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 ESV

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

6. Pray for Your Church

- Pray for the leaders in your church
- Pray for God to help you be involved in your church
- Pray for God to use your church to accomplish His mission for the community around you

Ephesians 4:1-7 ESV

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Ephesians 4:11-16 ESV

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

7. Pray for Spiritual Awakening in Our Nation

2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Hosea 10:12 ESV

¹² Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

Closing Prayer

- Allow each family member to pray however the Holy Spirit directs.