

FAMILY BLESSINGS:

Thank you, Lord, for creating family as a key part of your plan for the world. Please help us to be a faithful family and to follow your plan for our lives. Amen

God, thank you for choosing the Hebrews to be your people and for showing us ways to be the best family of God we could be. Thank you for your love and faithfulness to us. Please help us to be faithful to you. Amen

God, please help us to discover more of who you are. Enable us to show your character in our lives so that we may live well as a family. God, as our relationships grow, may your holiness go with us to help us face life's battles. Amen

Thank you, God, that you have chosen us to belong to your family. Thank you for your never-ending forgiveness. Even if we mess up, you continue to love us. Please help us to listen to you and do what you are asking of us. May you take care of us. May you be kind and gracious to us. May you look on us with favour and give us peace. Amen

Lord, we remember your goodness and your promises to us, your children. You are faithful day after day and year after year. Teach us to follow your ways and keep them in our hearts. Bless this family as we seek to love you with all our heart, soul and strength. Amen

Lord, may we always remember that you are with us and that you have commanded us not to be afraid. Whatever we do and wherever we go, thank you that the God of Israel, Moses and Joshua is also with us and looks out for us. Amen

Lord, thank you that you love us and you choose to work through us, even though we sometimes mess up. When we fall out with each other, please help us make amends quickly and be kind to one another. Amen

Lord, help us to be a family that looks out for each other's needs. May we always act out of kindness and loyalty to our whole extended family. Amen

Lord, may we be able to admit when we are wrong and come back to you. Help us to always let you guide our lives, and not follow after the things that other people have. Amen

Lord, help us to know that no matter what we get wrong or mess up, we can always turn back to you. May we know your love and forgiveness more deeply than ever before. Amen

Lord, we want to be like the good kings and keep our eyes focused on you. Help us to listen to your will for us and put you first in everything we do. Help us to think about other people as we make all our decisions. Amen

Lord, may we know your blessing in our family, as we walk in your ways. Please help us to show humility to each other, be hospitable to the people around us and make good choices in our everyday family life. Amen

Thank you, Lord, that you are faithful to us. Thank you for blessing our family over the years and for giving us the blessing of each other. Help us to remember that you are always with us, from one generation to another. Amen

Father, we are sorry that sometimes we don't listen when you tell us what to do. Help us to remember that you want the best for us and help us to turn to you when we are struggling to do the right thing. Amen

Lord, may we always be ready to do your work together as a family, alongside the communities we find ourselves a part of. May we never lose sight of who you are. Help us to be family to everyone around us. Amen

In our brokenness, rebuild us. When we lose our way, rebuild us. In the face of obstacles, rebuild us. God, would you rebuild in us the art of confession, celebration, commitment and dedication. Please surround and protect us as we know your joy to be our strength. Amen

Lord, may we be bold and courageous enough to speak the truth, to say what we think and stand up for the good of others, even at risk to ourselves. Help us to love others first and remember that you have put us here for a purpose. Amen

God, in our suffering, make us humble.

God, in our suffering, help us to trust you.

God, in our suffering, help us to bring our worries to you.

God, in our suffering, be our rock and our hope. Amen

The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me. (Psalm 23.1-4)

Lord, we want to build our homes on the foundation of your wisdom. Help us to stay away from things that don't please you, and instead practise patience, respect and kindness with each other. May we remember you in everything we do. Show us how to do what's wise, not always what's easy, so that we may put your wisdom into action in our family life. Amen

God, may we always be thankful and enjoy the good things that you give us. Please help us to keep our focus on you, and not let unimportant things take our attention away from

you. Amen

We thank you, God, for the gift of intimate love. Thank you that it reminds us of the close relationship that you have with us. We pray that we will always remember the unconditional love you have for us, and that we will be able to show your love to the people around us. Amen

Lord, help us to hear from you and know the truth that you speak into our lives. May we never be too stubborn to hear from you. May we live in the hope, peace and purpose that you provide. Amen

May the God who calls each one of us help us not to be afraid to speak out truth and hope to the people around us. Amen

Father God, help us to make space to lament and tell you how we're really feeling. Show us how to share our grief and pain with the people around us. In the midst of all we are going through in times of pain, enable us to see the hope that comes through knowing you and knowing your goodness. Amen

Lord, we know that sometimes we can't stop really bad things from happening. Help us to remember that even in the middle of tragedy, you are by our side. When chaos comes, may we turn to you to find peace, and may we encourage each other when times are hard. Help us to remember that you love us, always. Amen

Lord, may we be strong and stick to the things we believe in. May we, like Daniel, never compromise on who we are and what we believe. Please help us as we do our best to follow you and trust you in every circumstance. Because you love us, nothing needs to worry us. Amen

Thank you, Lord, for your love for us, and for your forgiveness when we do things wrong. Help us to learn from the book of Hosea how we can love each other better, even when we're frustrated with other members of our family. Amen

Thank you, Lord, for being compassionate towards us even when we go wrong. Help us to treat each other as you treat us. Please would you pour out your Spirit on each of us, from the youngest to the oldest. Amen

Lord, thank you for your promise to restore your family on earth. We want our family to be included in that promise! Help us to seek you and do good, to be fair and kind, and to act with compassion and goodness towards everyone. Please let our family be a blessing to others. Amen

Lord, we are sorry that sometimes we look down on other people whom you love. Help us to change our hearts and truly love our brothers and sisters, even when we disagree with each other. Thank you that you care when your children suffer injustice, and you act to set things right. Help us to treat others as we want to be treated. Amen

Lord, thank you that you have a plan for the world that is bigger than what we can see. Thank you that you love everyone, even our enemies. Please show us how you want us as a family to be part of your story for the world. Help us to be obedient to your call. Amen

May we show the justice of God, helping the world to be a fairer place. May we be constantly loving, living humbly, putting others and God first. May we learn from the book of Micah to genuinely trust and follow God.

God, thank you that you care about us. We know that you are a good God and that you hate to see your people suffering. Please help our family to look to you in everything that we do, and help us to know that you have the power to overcome the things we struggle with. Amen

Lord, when we are confused and uncertain, may we see the clarity that you bring. In our pain and anger, may we have your peace. In our sadness and weakness, please bring us your strength and joy. Amen

Lord, we want to live as a family of hope. Help us to live in your way and follow your rules for life. May we always show each other love and humility, remembering that we have your power on our side. Amen

God, help us not to become distracted or discouraged as we seek to follow you. May we continually build a home that welcomes your presence. Amen

Lord, please fill us with a hope that is rooted in your promises. Help us to stay strong in the promise that one day your kingdom will come, and you will reign as king. Show us how to get involved in your kingdom here and now on earth. Amen

Lord God, help us to honour and respect you with our actions and always give our best for you. Amen

We thank you, Jesus, for your faithfulness throughout history. Thank you for loving us so unconditionally, and for dying on the cross so that we can have a family relationship with you and our fellow believers. Please help us to love others the way that you love us. Amen

As we walk through life together as a family, may we walk closely with Jesus. May we know his presence, his love and his plans for our lives, as individuals and as God's family. May we

learn what it means to love God with everything we are, so that we can love one another better. Amen

Lord Jesus, we want to love our family as you love us, sacrificially and lavishly. Help us always to put you first, to be ready to give up everything for you, to follow you wherever you lead, and to love you more than we love anyone else. Amen

Jesus, thank you that you are the Son of God and that you gave your life so that we could have life. Help us remember the sacrifice that you made to be in relationship with us. We thank you that you love us. Amen

Lord, help us to serve one another and act selflessly in all we do. May we be filled with the Holy Spirit and take his power with us as we tell other people about Jesus. Amen

Father God, help us to live in the knowledge that we are your children, completely and utterly loved. May we treat others in our family with the respect they deserve as your children too. Amen

God, please show us what it means to be united. Help us to confront disagreements and divisions with your wisdom. May we always value our family members and take time for each other. Let everything we do and say be a reflection of your perfect love in our family. Amen

Lord God, show us how big your power is, when we feel at our lowest. Help us to rely on you when we feel as if we 'can't', knowing that you always 'can'. May we know your power and your glory and see you do amazing things through us. Amen

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that your Spirit comes to live in us when we follow you. May we know and understand that we are children of God. Help us, God, to listen to you through your word, the Bible, and be glad to live the way you want us to. You are the perfect Father and you always long to love and rescue us - thank you. Amen

Lord, help us to grow in our understanding of what it means to be family, finding our own unique and special place. May we know Jesus more fully, allowing him to weave peace into the fabric of our home. When we need to enter spiritual battles, remind us to do it clothed in your armour. Amen

Lord, may we know the gift that it is to live in Christ, and the joy that it is to experience his grace. Make us always willing to listen to your purposes and keep our eyes fixed on the goals that you set for us. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen

Thank you, Jesus, for all the blessings that you have given us as a family. Fill our hearts

with thanksgiving, and show us what it means to keep our eyes fixed on you together. May we reflect your character in everything we do and say to each other. We want our home to be God-centred, so that even the people around who don't yet know you will see a glimpse of who you are. Amen

Lord, we want everything we do and say to be pleasing to you. Show us how to encourage each other and always pray for each other. May we not reflect Jesus just as individuals, but also together as a family. Please help us to stay away from what's evil and hold on to what is good. Amen

May the Lord himself, who is our source of peace, give us peace at all times and in every way. May the Lord be with us all. Amen

God of salvation, be with us as we serve and take care of each other. Help us to devote ourselves to your word and to lead by example. Show us how to run our best in the race of faith. Amen

Lord, may the Holy Spirit fill our household with power, love and self-control. Help us to grow more familiar with your words, which bring life and wisdom to us and help us in difficult times. Give us courage to share these words with others through the gifts you have given us. Amen

Lord, as we lead in all kinds of different places, help us to be people who represent you well. Help us to talk about you and act like you, so that people can see that we believe in you. Amen

God, please forgive us when we do wrong to each other. Give us wise friends who will challenge our faith, and help us to trust you to work in those who don't yet know you. Amen

Lord Jesus, help us to stay strong in our faith and follow you through every season in our lives. May we encourage and help each other to keep our eyes fixed on you, so we can love others better and stay away from everything that's not pleasing to you. Amen

We thank you, God, for giving us family. We thank you that you have made a way for us to be in your big family too. As we go forward in our family life, may our faith be visible to those around us in the things we do. Amen

Lord, when life is tough, remind us that we are part of a family that has been around for thousands of years and covers the whole world. In everything we go through, help us to know why we have hope in you, and show us how to share that hope with the people around us. Amen

Lord, help us never to be confused by teaching that is not true or helpful. Please give us the courage to share our questions with you and with each other, so that we keep on learning about our faith. Amen

Father, thank you that you loved us so much that you sent Jesus to die for us. Thank you that we are your children and that we are part of your bigger family. Help us to know how much you love us and, in turn, help us to love one another. Amen

'May God the Father and Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, give us grace, mercy, and peace; may they be ours in truth and love' (2 John verse 3).

God, please give us the wisdom to follow the right people. Inspire us to be welcoming to all, and motivate us to show kindness to strangers. Amen

'To him who is able to keep you from falling, and to bring you faultless and joyful before his glorious presence - to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, might, and authority, from all ages past, and now, and for ever and ever! Amen.'
(Jude verses 24-25)

Lord, we celebrate being part of the winning team in the most important battle of good versus evil. May we see heaven coming to earth as we persevere in our faith. And may we know that even in the hardest times, Jesus is the winner. Amen