



Week 6: Monday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

Thank you for the relationships in our community: for friendships, marriages, families and workmates. You created relationships to be important and good for us.

Lord, strengthen the marriages in our neighbourhood. Give parents the wisdom, patience and love they need to show their children.

Strengthen our friendships with kindness and honesty and help those who are selflessly caring for others.

May all our relationships demonstrate your generosity and compassion. AMEN.

Grace

Dear Lord, thank you for this food and for the people who helped to put it on our table: from the farmers and their workers, to the people who sell it in the supermarkets.

Thank you for those who prepared this meal and for those we share it with. AMEN.





Week 6: Monday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Evening Prayer

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here;
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
Part of the Body, the Church of God.

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.

John Daniels, Salvation Army Song Book 330





Week 6: Tuesday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

Loving Lord, we all can feel lonely at times even when surrounded by our family or crowds of people.

We ask you to help us in these moments, knowing that you have said that you are with us all the time and have promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

We pray for those we know who may be facing similar lonely feelings just now, especially during this time of isolation.

May they be reminded of your promise and know your presence with them.

Help us to help them in any way that we can. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

Grace

Heavenly Pa...ta! AMEN.





Week 6: Tuesday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, our day is coming to an end, and we are ready to go to sleep.

But before we do, we want to thank you for your faithfulness today. It's always good to know that even when things may not go the way we plan them, or when the world seems to be in a mess, you are still in control.

For all the times when you helped us today, even when we weren't aware of it, we thank you, Lord.
AMEN.





Week 6: Wednesday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

For the people in our world, this is our prayer:
May they live in peaceful times with plenty to share.
Hunger and illness make life so unfair.
War makes them lonely and scared.
Be there with them, keep them strong,
Show them your peace.

For the people in our world, may hardship cease.
So much joy and love to share – Lord hear our prayer.
AMEN.

Tracey Binns

Grace

Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
From market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
Foods packed and transported, and gathered and
grown
By God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.
AMEN.

Brian Wren, Salvation Army Song Book 54





Week 6: Wednesday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Evening Prayer

Dear Jesus, we are here to pray and thank you for all that has happened today! You've been with us all the time and so you've seen all the great things that we've enjoyed.

But you've also seen those times when we've been sad or cross with someone.

We know that you love us always, no matter what! So help us have a good night's sleep feeling the peace and joy which comes from knowing your love for us.

AMEN.





Week 6: Thursday

FAMILY PRAYERS

AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

For the people in our town, this is our prayer.
May they live in hopeful times with people who care.
Those without homes who are lost and afraid,
By caring, may their hope never fade.
Be here with them, keep them strong,
Show them your hope. Grant people in our town, faith
to cope. So much joy and love to share – Lord, hear
our prayer. AMEN.

Tracey Binns

Grace

Bread is a lovely thing to eat –
God bless the barley and the wheat;
A lovely thing to breath is air –
God bless the sunshine everywhere;
The earth's a lovely place to know –
God bless the folks that come and go!
Alive's a lovely thing to be –
Giver of life, we say: bless thee! AMEN.

Evening Prayer

Watch the video 'A powerful bedtime prayer' and read this lovely prayer together as a family.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubviAnrljdU>





Week 6: Friday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for amazingly and wonderfully creating each one of us. Thank you for giving us value and worth.

Help us to live as the person you intended us to be. May we live peacefully and joyfully, valuing one another and trusting always in your love and faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

Grace

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest,
And may this food by you be blessed. AMEN.

Evening Prayer

For the people in our home, this is our prayer:
May they live in loving times, knowing you're there.
We may not be very strong without you.
Lord, show us your love.
Grant the people in our home peace, faith and love.
So much joy and love to share –
Lord, hear our prayer. AMEN.

Tracey Binns





Week 6: Saturday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

Thank you, Lord, that you have placed us in families and communities,
And created us to need each other in some way.
Help us to be good members of our family and community,
Always ready to give help and graciously receive help when it's needed.
AMEN.

Grace

For every cup and plateful,
God, make us truly grateful. AMEN.

A.S.T. Fisher





Week 6: Saturday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, bless our family and thank you for good times together and apart.

Bless our friends and those we love, including our grandparents, our aunts and uncles and cousins.

Thank you for our home and a place to sleep and good food to eat.

Help us rest well, give us peaceful dreams, and send your angels around our home to protect us throughout the night.

Teach us to trust you and to love you more and more. You are good; you are great; and you are faithful, God. And we love you. Good night. In Jesus' precious name. AMEN.

Rebecca Barlow Jordan





Week 6: Sunday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

Father, we offer this day to you.

Help us to use it to honour you by showing loving kindness to each other.

Help us not to waste a moment of it, or take any part of it for granted. AMEN.

Grace

Christ in the wilderness five thousand fed –

Two small fishes and five loaves of bread.

May the blessing of him who made the division

Rest upon us and upon our provision. AMEN.





Week 6: Sunday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Evening Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray, dear Lord, that you will keep
Your eyes upon this sleeping world
And every little boy and girl.

Bless the children far away –
The ones who don't know how to pray,
Those who are not feeling well,
The little one that slipped and fell.

Bless the puppy down the street,
The neighbours I have yet to meet.

Bless my mom and dad especially...

Just one more thing I'd like to say
Before I close another day:
I'd like to thank you, Lord, for all the ways
That you bless me.

Bless the child whose home is torn,
The babies who are not yet born.
Bless the ones who take your word
To all the hearts that have not heard.





Week 6: Sunday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Evening Prayer (continued)

Bless all your children everywhere;
I hope they know how much you care.
Maybe someday I can go
And tell them that you love them so.

Bless Grandma and my Grandpa too,
And all my friends and all they do.
Bless every twig upon my family tree...

Just one more thing I'll say to you:
I'm so amazed by all you do!
I'll thank you once again because it's true
That you bless me. AMEN.

'Bedtime Prayer', song by Twila Paris

