



Week 11: Monday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Prayers based on 1 Samuel 12:24 (NLT)

*'But be sure to fear the Lord and faithfully serve him.
Think of all the wonderful things he has done for you.'*

Morning Prayer

Dear God, today, simply would you guide and direct us in the best way to serve you, to bring glory to you and to remind us of how wonderful you are. AMEN.

Grace

Father, this meal represents so many ways that people can help – farmers, shops, cafés, and our family. Just now we think of all the people who have helped bring this meal to us today. AMEN.

Evening Prayer

Creator God, as we relax, rest and sleep, let us remember all the wonderful ways you have been evident today, being our comforter, our protector, our encourager, our guide.

We trust you with all that we are, knowing that we will wake with you tomorrow. AMEN.





Week 11: Tuesday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Prayers based on Matthew 25:40 (NLT)

'And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"'

Morning Prayer

Dear Father God, thank you for another day to seek for your guidance and find opportunities to help others. Our prayer is that as we try to serve others today, we will come closer to you. AMEN.

Grace

May we not be like porridge, lukewarm and stodgy,
But like corn flakes, crisp and ready to serve!

Evening Prayer

Thank you for today and the people we were able to share it with. Thank you that we can talk with our family about times when we feel unfairly treated. We pray for the many people whose voices are not heard. Help us to try and be good listeners and to act compassionately on what we hear. AMEN.





Week 11: Wednesday

FAMILY PRAYERS

AND GRACES

Prayers based on Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.'

Morning Prayer

Creator God, we are so glad that you know what today has in store for us. Help us welcome both the challenges and the opportunities as ways of serving you, in word and in deed. AMEN.

Grace

Creator God, we give thanks for this meal; we will enjoy the flavours, the aromas, the taste and the texture. We thank you for the strength our food gives us to be able to continue to serve you today. AMEN.





Week 11: Wednesday

FAMILY PRAYERS

AND GRACES

Evening Prayer

Father God, this evening as we think about the day we have lived as fully as we could, we remember Jesus and thank you for him, for the example he is of a life lived full of love and service for you.

Thank you for the accounts in your word that encourage us: to help others, to be kind, to stand up against wrong and to serve each other. AMEN.





Week 11: Thursday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Prayers based on Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

Morning Prayer

Father, encourage us as we try to serve you today. Help us see that what we do to help others really can make a difference to them as well as to us. AMEN.

Grace

For our food,
For our family,
For our friends,
And the fellowship we share, thank you. AMEN.

Evening Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the times we were able to get close to other people, friends, family and colleagues, and that we were able to show something of you in our attitude towards them or the issues they are facing. We pray for them just now, that they will know your peace and grace. AMEN.





Week 11: Friday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Prayers based on Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

'Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.'

Morning Prayer

Father, today please help us to see other people as you see them – valuable, original, unique and made in your image. AMEN.

Grace

As I eat my meals today, please bring to mind people that you need me to share with – whether that is my food, my time, my money or my testimony. AMEN.

Evening Prayer

Father, today has been all about other people, and just now I ask for your peace as I rest, knowing that you can deal with all their worries, concerns and plans. Watch over us all as we sleep. AMEN.





Week 11: Saturday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Prayers based on Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

'Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.'

Morning Prayer

Thank you for every new good morning,
Thank you for every fresh new day,
Thank you that I may cast my burdens
Wholly on you. AMEN.

Martin Gotthard Schneider, Salvation Army Song Book 394

Grace

Thank you for free and full salvation,
Thank you for grace to hold it fast,
Thank you, O Lord, I want to thank you
That I'm free to thank! AMEN.

Martin Gotthard Schneider, Salvation Army Song Book 394





Week 11: Saturday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Evening Prayer

Thank you for grace to know your gospel,
Thank you for all your Spirit's power,
Thank you for your unfailing love
Which reaches far and near. AMEN.

Martin Gotthard Schneider, Salvation Army Song Book 394





Week 11: Sunday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Prayers based on Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)

*'And do not forget to do good and to share with others,
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.'*

Morning Prayer

Father God, we have no idea what you have planned for us today, but we trust that it will help us come closer to you. Help us look for opportunities to reflect your goodness. AMEN.

Grace

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you, God, for everything. AMEN.

Evening Prayer

Thank you for the ways we have seen and shown your goodness today.
Help us to feel encouraged just now so that we can rest without worry and fear. AMEN.

