



Week 8: Monday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

O God, thank you for your amazing love for each of us. We know we don't always deserve it and that's what makes it so amazing. It's sometimes hard to love people – even our friends and family can make it difficult. Lord, no matter how hard it might be, help us to love like you... amazingly! Help us to love not only those who love us, but our enemies too and those who want to hurt us. AMEN.

Grace

Lord, as you fill us with this food,
Fill us also with your spirit of love.
In your name we pray. AMEN.

Evening Prayer

God's love to me is wonderful,
That he should deign to hear
The faintest whisper of my heart,
Wipe from mine eyes the tear;
And though I cannot comprehend
Such love, so great, so deep,
In his strong hands my soul I trust,
He will not fail to keep. AMEN.

Sidney Edward Cox, Salvation Army Song Book 25





Week 8: Tuesday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

Dear God, thank you for this new day and for the opportunity it brings to love you and others. Help us to love you with all our heart, soul and mind. And to love our neighbours as ourselves. AMEN.

Grace

All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above:
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all his love! AMEN.

Matthias Claudius, Salvation Army Song Book 70

Evening Prayer

Loving Heavenly Father,
As we come together at the end of this day,
Place your protection over our family.
Keep us all safe and well.
We want to thank you for giving us each other.
Fill our home with your peace and love.
Stop any quarrelling and anger,
And draw us closer to you
and to one another. AMEN.





Week 8: Wednesday

FAMILY PRAYERS

AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

We're ordinary people,
And we have no right or claim
To any kind of favours,
But quite simply,
In your name,
May we suggest that daily,
Through the good times and the bad,
When life is full of laughter
But especially
When we're sad,
You make your presence real to us
In some quite special way,
And then we know for certain
That we won't go far astray!

And at that special moment
We shall close our eyes and pray,
And place our hands
In yours again,
Just as we do today!

John Gowans





Week 8: Wednesday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Grace

Father, we thank you for this food which is just one of the many blessings we receive from you every day.
AMEN.

Evening Prayer

Lord of love, help every member of this family to invest in, value and honour each other. Help us never to take one another for granted. AMEN.





Week 8: Thursday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,
Help us to be a loving family:
To love you above all,
To love each other faithfully,
And to love those whom we will meet and who will
need our love today. AMEN.

Grace

Lord, you have given us so much;
Give us one more thing:
A thankful heart. AMEN.





Week 8: Thursday

FAMILY PRAYERS

AND GRACES

Evening Prayer

Like to a child who, when the night may fall,
Out of the darkness hears his father call,
Far and a-weary though his feet may roam,
Sees in the distance shining lights of home,
So at the last the music of his voice
Will calm my fears and make my heart rejoice.

In the love of Jesus there is all I need,
While I follow closely where my Lord may lead;
By his grace forgiven, in his presence blest,
In the love of Jesus,
In the love of Jesus is perfect rest.

Ivy Mawby, Salvation Army Song Book 259





Week 8: Friday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

Dear Father,
As we start this new day
We are surrounded by so much
Evidence of your love:
The beauty of creation,
The love of family and friends,
The sense of your presence with us.
Help us to celebrate you today,
And to see, in all kinds of places, your love and mercy
Which is new for us every morning. AMEN.

Grace

As you blessed the loaves and fishes,
Bless this food upon our dishes.
As the sugar is hid in the tea,
May our lives be hid in thee. AMEN.





Week 8: Friday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Evening Prayer

Dear God, as we go to sleep,
Take away any stress and anxious thoughts.
Give us a calmness and peace that only you can give.
We thank you because you are good all the time.
Help us to trust you with our lives and with the lives
of those we love.
In Jesus' name we make our prayer. AMEN.





Week 8: Saturday

FAMILY PRAYERS AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

O Lord, how did you love the people
Who obviously didn't love you?
You were loving and forgiving
Right up to the time you died.
'Father, forgive,' you said,
Even when you were being nailed to a cross.
Thank you, Jesus, for your example
And for coming back to life.
You are alive today and so you can help us
To live and love like you! AMEN.

Grace

Let love be the sweetness and wisdom be the
seasoning at this table,
O Heavenly Father. AMEN.

Sister Mary Teresa

Evening Prayer

Lord, help us always to say the right things.
May we speak truthfully, thoughtfully and kindly.
Harsh words can never be taken back
And can do so much damage.
Loving words are eternal and give life.
Lord, use our voices as instruments of
your love. AMEN.





Week 8: Sunday

FAMILY PRAYERS

AND GRACES

Morning Prayer

Father God, we want to say thank you
Because the Bible tells us that all love
comes from you.

Thank you that you have given us the ability to love
And a joy which comes from being loved by you.
AMEN.

Grace

O God, let us all gathered here at this table
Love one another. AMEN.

Pastor Helmut Tacke

Evening Prayer

Happy the home when God is there
And love fills every breast,
Where one their wish, and one their prayer,
And one their heavenly rest.

Lord! let us in our homes agree
This blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to thee,
And love to all will reign.

Henry Ware, Salvation Army Song Book 1015

