

Family Prayer

Reflection by Bev McDonald August 2017



Start the Meeting with Prayer

Someone read: Proverbs 22: 66

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

Listen to the CD or read the Script:

Share for a moment on what strikes you.

The song this month is *A Parcel Inside* by *Chris Skinner* on the album *Awesome God*.

Simply use the following questions as a guide to help your sharing.

What is your reaction to the Scripture promise above?

What is your experience and memory of family prayer, either as an adult or a child?

What links do you see between the kind of simple, fun and flexible family prayer suggested and Sunday Mass?

Share your own creative ideas about how the suggestions Bev talked about might be adjusted to be helpful, fun and achievable in your family?



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Pope Francis'
Prayer Intentions
for September:

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity seen and experienced.

No. 6 From Our Charter For your reflection this month

6) The family is the basic unit of society and the Christian home is the 'domestic church'.

"The Christian family can and should be called the 'domestic church.'

Pope John Paul II

Pray for each others' intentions and conclude with this prayer together.

“Dear God, In spite of all the challenges we face, we are richly blessed. ‘Thank you.’ You never promise that our lives will be easy; but you do promise strength, and the wisdom we need to prevail. ‘Thank you.’ You are welcome here. At times we fall short of being everything you desire for us. But this is why we pray: to express our gratitude and to ask what we cannot make happen on our own. Help us to recognize the ways that you have brought us closer – as individuals, as a group and in our families. Help us always hope in the dream you have for each of us and our children. Mary, Mother of Hope and support of families, Pray for us. Amen”

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