

## National Family Season 2016

### Prayer Guide

#### A. Introduction

This Guide is to support you and your congregation as you pray for various needs of the homes through the Family Season this year.

You may wish to use the Guide in the following manner.

- To print it and give it out to each church member and/or
- To send daily prayer items through whatsapp or other multimedia.

#### B. The Guide

Date	Prayer Item
<b>2-7 May.</b> Week's Focus: <b>Motherhood</b> . Mother's heart is priceless.	
2 May	The mother would nurture the children with God's love and wisdom.
3 May	God anoints the mother to raise her children to know Him and grow in intimacy with Him.
4 May	That she would be blessed with children who grow strong in favor with God and man.
5 May	The mother's spiritual legacy will extend beyond the present generation.
6 May	Children honour her consistently throughout the year.
7 May	She is richly blessed in spirit, soul, and body.
<b>9-14 May.</b> Week's Focus: <b>Family Blessings</b> . It's time to ask God to bless our home. Refer to <a href="http://www.theblessing.com/html/parents-step-1.html">http://www.theblessing.com/html/parents-step-1.html</a> and <a href="http://www.theblessing.com/html/parents-step-2.html">http://www.theblessing.com/html/parents-step-2.html</a> for more information on how to carry out the acts of blessing during the week.	
9 May	Learn the '5 elements of blessings' from <a href="http://dosdsha48j4ct.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/The-5-Elements-of-the-Blessing.pdf">http://dosdsha48j4ct.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/The-5-Elements-of-the-Blessing.pdf</a> .
10 May	Use the opportunities in the next 5 days to bless members of your own family. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ You may wish to select the time and place to carry out the acts of blessing for each of the family member living with you.</li><li>▪ For those living away from you, you can always communicate your blessings to them.</li><li>▪ You could gather the whole family together one or more times during the week to have the 'Family Blessing Time'. We hope this will lead to making this Time a part of your family life from now on.</li></ul>
11 May	
12 May	
13 May	
14 May	

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<b>16-22 May.</b> Week's Focus: <b>Celebrate Family</b> . Bring your family before God with thanksgiving and prayer for His grace and protection.	
16 May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank God for parents. Without them, you would not exist today.</li> <li>2. Pray that families grow in relationships within.</li> <li>3. Pray for protection.</li> </ol>
17 May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank God for providence for the family.</li> <li>2. Pray for material needs and contentment</li> <li>3. "Give us this day our daily bread."</li> </ol>
18 May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank God for children, especially the special ones.</li> <li>2. Pray that they will learn to draw near to God.</li> <li>3. Pray for equipping of parents.</li> </ol>
19 May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank God for the elderly.</li> <li>2. Pray for strength and good health.</li> <li>3. Pray for deepening faith and graceful aging.</li> </ol>
20 May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank God for home.</li> <li>2. Pray for turning of hearts towards home.</li> <li>3. Pray for hospitable homes.</li> </ol>
21 May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank God for God's glory.</li> <li>2. Pray for overflow of God's glory in each home.</li> <li>3. Pray Christ will be at the center of the family.</li> </ol>
22 May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank God for sending Jesus Christ into the home.</li> <li>2. Pray that families will be marked by grace.</li> <li>3. Pray that families will experience God's blessings increasingly.</li> </ol>
<b>23-28 May.</b> Week's Focus: <b>Marriage</b> . We declare this coming week as the Marriage Week. The aim is to help couples to reflect on God's faithfulness in their marriage, deepen their love and commitment for one another.	
23 May	Lord, give us a Godly vision in our marriage and a fruitful marriage with extraordinary grace to fulfill God's plan and purposes through our marriage.
24 May	Lord, revive our marriage and let it be hinged on the dynamics of agape love to love each other as you love us.
25 May	Lord, help us to forgive one another and heal our hearts from all hurts caused by each other knowingly and unknowingly in our marriage.
26 May	Lord, keep our hearts tender towards one another, help us to be sensitive and be willing to change to further strengthen our marriage.
27 May	Lord, let our marriage be a partnership that is pleasing to you, enhance our collective strengths and diminished our individual weaknesses.
28 May	Lord, protect the time we have for each other and restore the joy in our marriage with greater intimacy, romance and excitement.

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<b>30 May – 5 June.</b> Week's Focus: <b>Singlehood</b> . Single adults are important members of our families and our church. Their concerns and burdens are an important aspect of family ministry.	
30 May	May the Lord richly bless the work of our single adults and equip them to be a blessing in their work places.
31 May	May families remember to speak kindly and non-judgmentally to their single family members.
1 June	May the church recognize the spiritual gifting of the non-married among them and actively make ministry and leadership opportunities available to them.
2 June	May Christian families open their homes to singles who are far from home, so that they may have a sense of family even when away from home.
3 June	May the Lord watch over the well-being of single adults and stir the heart of the families in the church to be supportive through times of struggles.
4 June	May those singles who are seeking a godly spouse be granted the desire of their heart.
5 June	May single adults know that they are accepted and valued for who they are, just as they are, by their families and by the church.
<b>6-12 June.</b> Week's Focus: <b>Senior Citizens</b> . With rich life experiences and acquired skills, our seniors are significant in the life of the church and the community.	
6 June	May our Seniors experience God intimately during this season of their lives.
7 June	May our Seniors recognise that they are a rich resource to the younger families.
8 June	May our Seniors determine that they will redeem this season of their lives and live to the fullest for God's glory.
9 June	May our Seniors seek out the younger people to mentor them.
10 June	May our Seniors build/reconcile great relationships with family members and friends.
11 June	May our Seniors be healthy and kept safe (such as from accidents).
12 June	May our Seniors be healthy physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
<b>13-18 June.</b> Week's Focus: <b>Fatherhood</b> . The focus of Fathers' week is for the family to be thankful for their father, pray for his spiritual wellbeing and growth. The prayers guide the children to desire good things for their fathers.	

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13 June	Abba Father, bless my father and keep him; make Your face to shine upon him and be gracious to him; ... give him peace." (Numbers 6:24-26).
14 June	Abba Father, "I pray that in all respects my father may prosper and be in good health, just as his soul prospers." (3 John 2).
15 June	Abba Father, thank you for my father, please continue and complete your work so he may walk with you like Enoch and believe like Abraham.
16 June	Abba Father, turn my father's heart to me and my heart to him and let us be knitted together as a family to glory your name. Malachi 4:6.
17 June	Abba Father, strengthen and enable my father as he leads us, loves us, protects us, provides for us, and be a priest for us.
18 June	Abba Father, thank you when my father comes to you with all his heavy burdens, You will give him rest. (Matt 11:28).

**Note:** This Prayer Guide is prepared as a part of the National Family Season initiative of 2016, a joint project of Family Ministries Malaysia and NECF Family Commission.