

2024 Vacation Bible School Prayer for Families

Scripture Reading: Psalm 127

Reflection of the Heart:

It is through families that we learn love, and in learning love, we find God. Families are stronger together as they aim to please God as well as love and serve others.

Scriptural Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we praise You as the Triune God: God the Father, our Creator; God the Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord; and God the Holy Spirit, our teacher, leader and comforter. Thank You for creating each family member for Your glory and praise. Thank You for loving each of us unconditionally. Thank You for having a wonderful plan for our lives and good works for us to complete on earth. We bless and praise Your name at all times.

Creator Father, as Your children, we will serve You with joy and gladness of heart. We declare that our families will model and train their children in the way that they should go and when they are old, they will not depart from You. We confess that our children will be taught of the Lord and our children will experience great peace as they obey Your commands and follow Your ways. Our children will experience the example of the Christian adults in their families. We declare that our families will love God and love and value others as they love and value themselves. Our families will live in Your marvelous light as we follow Jesus and we will not participate in the darkness of this world.

Holy Father, bless the children, youth, and all adults including the young adults and the mature adults of our church family as we participate in the 2024 Vacation Bible School. As we study each Bible story, bless us to be upright, wise, kind and to stay close to Jesus. Teach us to grow deeper in our love for God as we obey and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Help us not to bring harm to others or ourselves with our words and actions. As a family, bless us to live together in love, joy, peace, oneness and unity. Bless us to do what is right in God's sight. Keep us healthy in our spirit, soul, and body. As You bless us, please empower, guide and teach our church family to always be a blessing to others. Thank You for our Missions Ministry and the Promise of Giving.

Merciful Father, forgive our families for not loving You by obeying Your commands and following Your ways. Forgive our families for not loving others by helping the poor and people who are in need. Forgive our family members for not loving themselves by not maintaining healthy lifestyles. Forgive our families for not doing what is right in God's sight. Holy Spirit, remind our families of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. Help us to forgive family members and friends who have spoken hurtful words and committed harmful actions towards us. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive.

Holy Spirit, please help our families not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Triumphant King, You are our Lord, our Redeemer and Creator. You are the Lord who made all things. You alone stretched out the heavens. You created every human being, the earth and everything in it by Yourself. You are the all-wise God. There is no one greater than You! You reign forever! In Jesus' name, amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text:

1 John 5:7, Psalm 24:1, Romans 8:37-39, Genesis 1:26-31, 1 John 5:7, Psalm 34:1, Proverbs 22:6, Isaiah 54:13, Psalm 128:1, John 8:12, Luke 10:27, 2 Chronicles 16:9, John 3:20-21, 1 Peter 2:9, Isaiah 44:24, 3 John 2, 11, James 2:8, Jeremiah 29:11, Ephesians 2:10

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