



God's Presence

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Scripture Meditation

“My son, keep your father’s command; don’t abandon your mother’s instruction.”

Proverbs 6:20

30 Day Gratitude Journal

Write about one of the fondest memories you had with your family.

30 Day Gratitude Challenge

Select a family that inspires you, and share with them why you respect and appreciate them.

Prayer Concentration:

Pray a prayer for family and family unity.

Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious Father and Faithful Friend, thank you for the gifts of family and friends. Thank You for the support they provide, the strength they supply, and the security they supply. As we appreciate family, help us to be family. As we benefit from friends help us to be friends and friendly. In Jesus Name we pray, **amen.**

Observation

I am thankful that God is always there for me. I do not believe in luck, I believe in divine intervention. There have been so many times that things have worked out and it had to be God. Times when I had to do things and I could not see how it would get done, but God was always there for me. During the good times and during the hard times God has always come through.

I thank God for my family. Family dinners, family outings, and family gatherings, gives us opportunities to share memories, tell funny stories and just enjoy each other’s presence. I enjoy spending time with my children and grandchildren. I am thankful I can still play with my grandchildren. One time I could hang with them but now I must take breaks.

I am thankful that I have a sense of humor. Most of the time I am laughing at myself. I thank God that I don’t take myself that seriously. It’s a blessing to be able to experience the joy of a hearty laugh even if it’s at my expense.

I thank God for friends who are there for me, especially, during the tough times in my life. Friends who will call and call again and again, just to check to see if I am okay, when I am going through something. Friends who can sense when something is not okay with me, even if I tell them I am okay. Friends who will stick by me through thick and thin. I have two friends who have been with me since my teenage years. I thank God for the longevity of their friendships.

I thank God for our Pastor, First family and our church family. I thank God for the many mentors I have had over the years that contributed to my spiritual growth. I thank God for my health, and that I can still go to the gym, and work out. As the old Saints would say, “I thank God that I have a reasonable portion of strength.” I thank God for his Word that has helped me through the years.

Questions to Ponder

1. What are your family values? What is your family’s mission statement? How are you building a family legacy?
