



Thankfulness

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Observation

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Scripture Meditation

"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."

1 John 4:20

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."

Proverbs 17:17

30 Day Gratitude Journal

Write about what you value most about your family.

30 Day Gratitude Challenge

Purchase a gas card for a single parent.

Prayer Concentration:

Pray a prayer for single parents.

Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious God and Abba Father, we thank You for being the true head of our spiritual family. We thank You for giving us a family to model your presence and purpose in society. We thank You for the companionship, and counsel of family. We thank You for the discipline and direction of relatives. We thank You for the lessons and Love of home. In Jesus Name we pray, **amen.**

I have so many things to be thankful for. God has truly been good to me. Of the many things that I am thankful for, two are my **family** and **faith**. Although we cannot choose our family, I'm positive that if we could, I wouldn't change a thing, beginning with my grandparents, who first demonstrated what true **faith** means. My Mother showed me how-to walk-in **faith** regardless of the circumstances.

Family has never meant as much as it did during the pandemic. We became stronger as a unit. My **family** and my **faith** are the constants in my life. During a tragedy or a crisis my **family** and my **faith** sustains me. When the world appears to be turned upside down, the only thing I could be sure of was my **faith** in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I'm thankful that I was with **family** during the pandemic, when so many people were alone. Our **family** found new ways of spending time together even when we couldn't meet in person. During the pandemic we took on different roles to support one another. The past 18 months has been a year of togetherness, and our **faith** was most definitely tested. But God's grace is and always will be sufficient.

Oh God, I thank you for a **family** of **faithful** believers with a heart to serve You.

Questions to Ponder

1. Most people when they get a new love interest, they can't wait to show them off to family and friends. How have you spoken to others about your love relationship with God?

2. Name the top seven family values that you appreciate most.
