

## **Family**

“Bless our children with healthful bodies, with good understandings, with the graces and gifts of your spirit, with sweet dispositions and holy habits, and sanctify them throughout in their bodies, souls, and spirits, and keep them unblamable to the coming of Jesus.”

- Jeremy Taylor

“May Your commandments be upon my heart, so that I may teach them diligently to my children and talk about them when I sit in my house and when I walk along the way and when I lie down and when I rise up.”

-Deuteronomy 6:6-7

### ***For Families***

“Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settles the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them we ask thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and hearts of the children to the parents; and so kindle fervent love among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

- Book of Common Prayer

### ***For Those We Love***

“Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

-Book of Common Prayer

### ***For the Care of Children***

“Almighty God, heavenly Father, who have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

-Book of Common Prayer

### ***For Young Persons***

“God, our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you

is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you and to keep alive the joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

- Book of Common Prayer