

The Family Prayer

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank you for the place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us, for the peace accorded to us this day; for the hope with which we expect tomorrow; for the health, food and bright skies that make our lives happy; for our friends everywhere.

Let peace abound in our small group. Purge out of our hearts the hidden grudge. Give us grace and strength to practice self-control. Give us the will to accept and to forgive each other. Give us brave, joyous and peaceful minds. Bless us in all our honest and sincere endeavors.

If it may be, give us the courage to face that which is to come; that we may be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune, even to the gates of death, loyal, true and loving one another to the end.

Amen

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