

## September Daily Family Virtue Prayers

These pages contain a family prayer for each day of the month based on God's gift of the virtues. From September through May, your family is invited to take a few minutes each day to grow in the Christian virtuous life.

Directions: Start by reading the title of the day, praying for the intention of the day, allow family members state other intentions, have one person read the next prayer, and then conclude by joining in the Lord's prayer.

The format for the virtues comes from the Disciples in Christ, Education in Virtues program.

9/1	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For those who have taught us the faith as we thank God for the gift of faith. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Heavenly Father, we pray for the gift of the theological virtue of faith so that we may know you more and become ever stronger in our belief.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen</p>
9/2	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Hope</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For people who have lost hope in the goodness of God and God's creation. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Jesus our Savior, the Apostle Paul wrote: 'Now may the God of hope fill you with all Joy and Peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit' (Rom 15:13). May our hope in you be plentiful.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>

9/3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Charity</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For the poor, for those with no food, and for those with no shelter. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Holy Spirit, may we be filled with your love so that we seek the good of others with charitable hearts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/4	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Cardinal Virtue of Justice</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For our civic leaders, that they enact laws that align with the truth of the Gospel. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> God our Father, may we be a family who treats each other with love and respect. May all who meet us, see us as people who are fair, generous, and kind.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Cardinal Virtue of Prudence (Sound Judgement)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> That the decisions we make are wise and follow the Gospel of the Lord. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Jesus Christ, guide us to make good decisions, provide wise advice, and always follow you - the way and the truth and the life. (John 14:6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>

9/6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Cardinal Virtue of Fortitude (Courage)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u>  For the times when we are tempted toward sin, may we instead follow Jesus.  And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u>  Holy Spirit, may we take courage and trust in you as counselor and guide in our life.  Show us the way of patience and perseverance as we seek to live the virtuous life so that  we may do great things for God.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u>  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/7	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Cardinal Virtue of Temperance (Self Control)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u>  For our family, that we may grow in self-control.  And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u>  Heavenly Father, you give us so many good things. May we always partake of your gifts  in moderation so that we grow in our self-control and use your gifts as you intended.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u>  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Fruits of the Holy Spirit</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u>  For our family, that we may be more open to the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.  And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u>  In Galatians (5:22-23) we read, “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,  kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May we share the Fruits  of the Holy Spirit in our family and with all that we meet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u>  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>

9/9	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Gifts of the Holy Spirit</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u>  For our family, that we may be more open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.  And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u>  Holy Spirit, sharer of good gifts, we pray that we receive your gifts of Understanding, Knowledge, Wisdom, Fear of the Lord, Counsel, Piety, and Fortitude as we seek to live as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u>  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer for Growth in the Virtuous Life</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u>  For each of us and all in our extended family, that we may grow in the virtues.  And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u>  Holy Spirit, St. Gregory of Nysa wrote, "The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God." Help us grow in the virtues so that our family reflects the love of God to each other and in the world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u>  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/11	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u>  For all who are the mothers and fathers of our faith.  And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u>  Heavenly Father, through faith we are enabled to know you and all that you have revealed. May we support each other as we grow in faith.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u>  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>

9/12	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u>  For growth in our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u>  O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. In this faith, my God, I hope to live and die. Amen. (Disciples of Christ)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u>  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/13	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u>  For all who will be baptized in our parish in this and the next month.  And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u>  Jesus, through our baptism we are infused with the gift of faith. Our faith shows us how to trust you and your word, to believe that you died for our sins, and to accept you as our Lord and Savior. Amen</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u>  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/14	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today lets us pray:</u>  For those who reject faith, believing that knowledge can only come through scientific discovery.  And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u>  Holy Spirit, we pray today that we grow deeper in our faith so that we can more fully understand the mystery of our salvation. May we accept that through our faith we can grow in trust in the revelation of God the Father, and Jesus his Son. Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u>  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>

9/15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For a deeper commitment to prayer. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> God, may we grow closer to you through our prayer, may we take time to meditate for a bit each day on the Word of God, and thus cultivate a deeper friendship with you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/16	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For a deeper commitment to life as a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, may we use the strength given to us by faith to bear witness to you in our lives, sharing your name and love with all that I meet each day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/17	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For a deeper commitment to share our faith with others. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Heavenly Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit. Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News. Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others. Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions. (USCCB)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>

9/18	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For the patience to accept God's will. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> God the Father, may we submit to your will, knowing that you are Supreme Wisdom, and with hope that someday we will know the reasons for what has happened. (Venerable Fulton Sheen)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/19	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faith &amp; the Gift of Understanding</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For a greater growth in the Gift of Understanding from the Holy Spirit. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Holy Spirit, help me "to know what to believe and how to share it with others." May I grow in confidence to share the faith with others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faith &amp; the Gift of Understanding</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For the intercession of St. Anselm, so that we grow stronger in our faith. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Lord, I am not trying to make my way to your height, for my understanding is in no way equal to that, but I do desire to understand a little of your truth which my heart already believes and loves. I do not seek to understand so that I can believe, but I believe so that I may understand. (St. Anselm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>

9/21	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faith &amp; the Gift of Understanding</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For the intercession of St. Ignatius of Loyola, so that we grow stronger in our faith. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess, you have given me: I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will. Give me only Your love and Your grace with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. (St. Ignatius of Loyola)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/22	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faith &amp; the Gift of Knowledge</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For those who do not know God, have not heard about Jesus. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Jesus, help us “to know what to believe and how to share it with others.” May we grow in confidence to share the faith with others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/23	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faith &amp; the Gift of Knowledge</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For the intercession of St. Thomas Aquinas so that we grow in knowledge of the faith. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting of you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen. (St. Thomas Aquinas)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>



9/24	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faith &amp; the Gift of Knowledge</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For theologians who help us grow in our understanding of the faith. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice, and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world. Mother of the living gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us. Amen. Alleluia! (Adopted from <i>The Joy of the Gospel</i> by Pope Francis)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/25	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For open minds to learn and accept the faith. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Jesus our Savior, guide us so that we do not refuse to accept the truth of the faith. When we doubt, may we continue to seek to understand your Word and your Church.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/26	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For those who have left the Church, may they return home. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Heavenly Father, may we grow deeper in the faith. We pray for family members who have left the Church, for those who no longer believe in God. May we live as missionary disciples who, through our faith, witness the joy of the Gospel and the love of the Lord.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>

9/27	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For a deeper trust in the Lord. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Holy Spirit, may we receive great strength from our faith, our trust, and our confidence in you. We thank you for the gift of faith that you freely give to each of us. May we always cherish the virtue of faith.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/28	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Hope</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For greater hope in God in our family, parish, and community. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> Heavenly Father, through your gift of the virtue of hope, you enable us to grow in desire for you and to trust in the promise of heaven.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>
9/29	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Theological Virtue of Hope</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today let us pray:</u> For the souls in purgatory. And for what else shall we pray on this day?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us pray:</u> O Lord God, I hope by Your grace for the pardon of all my sins and after life here to gain eternal happiness, because You have promised it. In this hope I intend to live and die. (Disciples of Christ)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let us join our voices and pray:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....</p>

## The Theological Virtue of Hope

Today let us pray:

For all the baptized, that they always remain hopeful for our heavenly home.  
And for what else shall we pray on this day?

Let us pray:

Jesus, you teach us that we are to love God, love our neighbors, and keep the commandments. Through the virtue of hope, may we always live in the expectation of eternal heaven.

Let us join our voices and pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....