



Title: Family

Luke 21:5-19

Some of the disciples were talking about the Temple, how beautiful it looked with its fine stones and the gifts offered to God. Jesus said, "All this you see—the time will come when not a single stone here will be left in its place; everyone will be thrown down."

"Teacher," they asked, "when will this be? And what will happen in order to show that the time has come for it to take place?" Jesus said, "Watch out; don't be fooled. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time has come!' But don't follow them. Don't be afraid when you hear of wars and revolutions; such things must happen first, but they do not mean that the end is near." He went on to say, "Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be terrible earthquakes, famines, and plagues everywhere; there will be strange and terrifying things coming from the sky. Before all these things take place, however, you will be arrested and persecuted; you will be handed over to be tried in synagogues and be put in prison; you will be brought before kings and rulers for my sake. This will be your chance to tell the Good News. Make up your minds ahead of time not to worry about how you will defend yourselves, because I will give you such words and wisdom that none of your enemies will be able to refute or contradict what you say. You will be handed over by your parents, your brothers, your relatives, and your friends; and some of you will be put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a single hair from your heads will be lost. Stand firm, and you will save yourselves.

Scripture



"For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy."

[1 Corinthians 7:14]

Dear Lord,

We are the seed of Notre Dame and we can grow together as a family if we love our neighbours the way God taught us to.

Our college Mission Week helps us to have faith to accept that with his gift nothing will be impossible so we can truly live out St Julie's message to "do small things with great love".

St Julie and Françoise pray for us, protect us and bless us.

Reflect:

We use the word family so often, but do we ever stop to think about what it really means? YOU are part of this College Family, and through that you are part of a global Christian Family too. As part of any family we have responsibilities - we have to play our part, make positive contributions, and learn that anything we do, both positive and negative affects every member of our family!

- What are other features of a family'?
- How do you contribute to your family?

Give us new eyes, Lord, to see our lives in the light of your love.

Too often our fear, neediness, anger, or hurt fog our vision.

Help us to see your providence in the glory of trees, lakes, and cloudless skies.

Help us to see your generosity in the many gifts we enjoy each day.

Help us to see your wisdom in the rhythm of the days, the weeks, the seasons, and the years.

Help us to see your image in the faces of everyone we meet and to know your goodness in the joy and love we feel for one another.

We ask you this because we know you love us. Amen.

Father, Thank you for my family. I ask that you bless them with Your favour. Provide for all of their needs. I ask You to protect them from harm and evil. Surround them in the shadow of Your wing. Go before them and prepare the way for them. If any path is crooked, I ask you to make it straight. Protect them from the schemes of the enemy and keep them from deception. Bring Your perfect peace to their hearts. In Jesus name I pray, amen.

Heavenly Father, Please shine your light upon my family. Give us strength to overcome all of the difficulties that we are dealing with now and protect us against any and all problems we may encounter in the future. O Lord, please bring us together as we are meant to be. May the love that binds us only grow stronger as we fulfill the destiny you have laid out for us.

Grant my family forgiveness for any sins we have committed. May we also forgive one another Lord, as it is sometimes difficult to do.

Bless us Lord, In your name I pray,
Amen



Loving God,

You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.

We thank and praise you.

Thank you for the gift of our children.

Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.

Give us the strength and courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow

in faith, hope, and love,

so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.

May their eyes see your presence in all things.

May their lips proclaim your word.

May their hearts be your dwelling place.

May their hands do works of charity.

May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,

your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

Father, I thank you for blessing me with my family. I ask you to bring us into unity through You. I ask that anything that is hidden in darkness - to cause disunity - will be brought to light. I ask You to lead us into Your perfect truth and help us to be the family You intend us to be. Lord, help us to be a blessing to one another and to others. Reveal Yourself to us and let us come into agreement with You. Lead us in Your ways. Grant us compassionate hearts, fill us with Your love that does not keep records of wrong, and bring joy to our hearts when we think of one another. Bring Your perfect peace and unity into our family. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.