# 2025 PRAYER FOCUS: HIS STORY

"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2).

The theme of this year's national conference was "This is my story!" Our story is one of being adopted into the family of God—becoming children of God. More of the good news is that He is not finished with us yet. One day we shall be like Him. Our story is His story of redeeming us and welcoming us into His family.

Another theme of the conference was Love Like Jesus—Live Like Missionaries. Imagine every home experiencing the love of Jesus and every home being on mission for Jesus. We pray for stories to emerge through the year of families being used of God to advance the mission of Jesus.

## SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS — PRAYING FOR FAMILIES

As we pray for families this month, we pray that families in the Missionary Church will embrace the mission of loving like Jesus and living like missionaries. We pray that God will miraculously restore marriages that are bruised, fractured, or broken, and that there will be multiple stories of restorations.

We know that families are under attack, that the family is being redefined, and that gender roles are being questioned. As we pray for families this month, pray for an awakening to the truth that marriage is between one man and one woman and that there are only two genders. Pray that this next generation will embrace marriage as God designed it and pray that this generation will seek to make God the center of their relationships.

#### PRAY FOR THESE KEY EVENTS THIS MONTH:

- PRAYER AWAKENING—September 15 -16—AVALON MISSIONARY CHURCH, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA – REGISTER HERE: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01980a1cb0f87fb8b21c02592f358eca
- SEE YOU AT THE POLE—September 24—For more information go to: SYATP.com

# WEEK #1—September 1-7

This week we pray for families of the leaders of the Missionary Church. Pray that God will protect the family of the president of the Missionary Church and the families of the regional directors. Pray that "ministry" will not harm marriages, but that marriages will remain strong.

Pray that their homes will be places of refuge: places to be renewed and refreshed. Pray for God's presence in each home. Pray for their children, whether they are grown and on their own or still living at home. Pray they will walk with the Lord.

Pray that God will raise up intercessors who will pray for them faithfully. Ask the Lord if He is calling on you to pray for your regional director and his family or for a member of the General Oversight Counsel.

Allow the Holy Spirit to use the following Scriptures and prayers to inform your prayers for our national leaders. Allow the Spirit to lead you. Your prayers matter more than you will ever realize.

## Monday, September 1

"And Adam said: 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.' Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:23-24).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that from the beginning, family was your idea. You created us for each other. You designed this special union between a man and a woman. Forgive us for making it anything other than what you intended. We pray for our leaders, that you will give them the courage to stand strong on behalf of marriage. We pray that each of their marriages will be examples of the union God intended between a husband and wife. We pray for your protection over them.

## Tuesday, September 2

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you created the family unit as a place for the nurturing of faith. We praise you that you intended it to be a safe place. Forgive us for our failures to teach the next generation to love you with all their heart, soul, and strength. We pray you will give our leaders wisdom to know how to invest in their children. We pray for conversations around the table that center on you. We pray you will put a guard on the doorposts of the homes of our leaders.

## Wednesday, September 3

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for the assurance of your presence. We praise you for the assurance that you will go with us wherever you lead us. Forgive us for times when we did not invest in our marriages. Lord, we acknowledge that the enemy delights in destroying marriages and that he seems to especially delight in attacking the marriages of Christian leaders. We pray for our leaders,

that they will take the time and effort to invest in their marriage. Give them the grace and strength to work through the tough times. We pray their homes will model what it means to love like Jesus.

## Thursday, September 4

"But Ruth said: 'Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me'" (Ruth 1:16-17).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for the story of Ruth and Naomi. While it is not about a marriage, it is a reflection of family commitment. Forgive us for treating marriage vows lightly. We pray that you will strengthen marriages, including mine. We pray for our leaders and for those aspiring to leadership in the Missionary Church, that they will first follow your leading so that their spouse can, with confidence, know that you will be with them. We pray you will daily strengthen their love for one another, so that the enemy cannot drive a wedge between them.

## Friday, September 5

"'For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be lent to the LORD.' So they worshiped the LORD there" (1 Samuel 1:27-28).

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, we praise you for the gift of children. We praise you that you entrust these precious lives into our hands. Forgive us when we forget that they are yours. We gladly dedicate our children to you to become fully devoted followers of Jesus. We pray for the children of our leaders, that they will know that their parents have dedicated them to the Lord. We pray for any children of our leaders who are not walking with you, that you will remind them of that dedication, and that you will call them back to you. We pray for grace on the part of leaders who have children who are wandering, that they, like the father of the prodigal, will be ready to welcome that child home.

### Saturday, September 6

"Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel answered, 'Speak, for Your servant hears'" (1 Samuel 3:10).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that you speak to us. Sometimes you speak through your Word, and sometimes through a still, small voice. Forgive us for the times we have been dull of hearing. We pray for our leaders, that they will have ears to hear what you are saying—not just about the vision for the church or the mission of the church, but what you are saying to them about their family. Keep them from being so caught up in the work of the church that they neglect ministry to their family. Remind them of the importance of discipling their families.

#### Sunday, September 7

**FOR SUCH A TIME:** "For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for the courage of Esther, who risked everything for her people and for your name's sake. She could have played it safe, but she chose to stand strong. Forgive us for those times we have played it safe rather than standing for truth. We pray for our leaders, that you will give them the courage to take the necessary risks—the risks that rely totally on faith in you. We

pray you will protect the families of these leaders from attacks of the enemy as they take these clear steps of faith.

# WEEK #2—September 8-14

This week, we encourage you to pray for Bethel University—for Dr. McDonald who has been chosen as the next president of Bethel University. Pray for his family as they settle into their new home and new role. Pray for God's protection.

Pray for the families of the cabinet and staff, that God will bless their families and guard them from the attacks of the enemy. Pray that God will bless the families of the faculty.

Pray for those first-year students who may be struggling to be away from family, that they will find community at Bethel. Pray especially for those who do not have a good family background, that they will find good family models among the staff at Bethel.

Pray for those students who are finding their spouse at Bethel, that He will help them lay a good foundation in their relationship before they get married so they can begin well.

## Monday, September 8

"And he said: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD'" (Job 1:21). **PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for the example of Job, whose response to tragedy was to bow in praise to you. Forgive us for the times of whining because of minor inconveniences and setbacks. We pray for the families of Bethel faculty and staff. We know that some of them have faced various kinds of adversity. We pray they will find comfort and hope in you. We pray for students whose families have faced heavy trials, that they will seek deep fellowship with you and that they will be able to praise you in the midst of the trials and testing.

## Tuesday, September 9

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night" (Psalm 1:1-2).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for your Word. We praise you for its counsel, for its comfort, and for its instruction regarding our relationship with you. Forgive us for those times we have ignored it or chosen not to obey it. We recognize that ungodly counsel abounds and that today's students will hear many voices that contradict your Word. Guard their hearts. We pray that Bethel students will walk in your counsel. We pray for those seeking to be married, that they will delight in your law as a foundation for their home.

## Wednesday, September 10

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake" (Psalm 23:1-3).

**PRAYER:** Thank you, Lord, for being our shepherd. Thank you for leading us to places of refreshing and to paths of righteousness. Forgive us for being dumb sheep who wander from you. Please shepherd the families of Bethel faculty and staff. Give them wisdom to shepherd the students so that they learn to trust in you. We pray the Bethel students will not just learn the essentials of their particular discipline, but also that you will prepare them for relationships they are building or will build in the future.

## Thursday, September 11

"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall fall on me,' Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You" (Psalm 139:7-12).

PRAYER: Father, we praise you for your presence. We praise you that no matter where we are, you are there. We sometimes forget that even in the darkest times, you are there. We pray for our university students who may be away from family for the first time, that they will know your presence. We pray they will find "family" on Bethel's campus. We pray that your Holy Spirit will saturate the Bethel Community. We pray against the schemes of the enemy to cause students to be depressed. We pray the joy of the Lord will be their strength.

## Friday, September 12

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7).

**PRAYER:** Father, when we think of you, we are filled with awe and wonder at your majesty and power. We know that you are a God of love and of wrath. We saw both your love and wrath at Calvary. We sometimes forget that you hate sin and that any pursuit of sin risks your wrath. We pray that our students will never despise Godly wisdom and that they will seek your instruction. We pray for children, that as they attend public school their instruction will not detract from their awe of you. We pray specifically that science, instead of being seen as an alternative to faith, will be a reminder of how awesome you are. We pray parents and faculty will help students walk in the fear of the Lord.

## Saturday, September 13

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe" (Proverbs 18:10).

**PRAYER:** Lord, you are our strength, our hope, our shelter, and our defense. Thank you for being a place of refuge. We sometimes try to weather the storms alone. Remind us that you are our strong tower. We pray for students who do not have a strong family foundation, that

they will run to you as their strong tower. We pray for those who will find their mate at Bethel University, that they will establish their home on a foundation of faith. We pray that families will teach their children to run to you in those challenging times.

Today, we ask that you keep our families and our students safe, not just from illnesses and physical harm, but also safe from the attacks of the enemy. Today we seek refuge in you.

## Sunday, September 14

"The Spirit of the Lord GoD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified" (Isaiah 61:1-3).

**PRAYER:** Father, thank you for this reminder of why Jesus came. We praise you that you have healed broken hearts, set us free, comforted us, and clothed us with garments of praise. We pray that our students and families will experience broken hearts being healed, captives set free, and prison doors opened. We pray they will know the fullness of your salvation. Then we pray that you will equip our students—this next generation—to be the hands and feet of Jesus— to bring good tidings to the poor, and to minister to those in need.

# WEEK #3—September 15-21

The focus for this week is praying for pastors. Praise the Lord for pastors who are committed to walking as Jesus walked—loving like Jesus and living like missionaries. Praise the Lord for their families—for spouses who labor with them and for children who share their parents with a congregation.

Pray for these leaders, that God will lead them to find a balance between ministry and family. Pray God will use them to disciple their family so that they walk faithfully with Jesus. Pray for those pastors who may have a child or children not walking with the Lord, that God will give them grace to love them and the resolve to never stop praying for them.

Pray for protection from the enemy for these ministry families as they focus personally on following Jesus and leading others to do the same. Pray that the leadership of each church will also be committed to living as disciples of Jesus.

### Monday, September 15

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that we can trust you. We praise you that in you we have hope and peace and strength. We pray for our pastors and their families, that they will trust

in you and that their hope will always be in you. We pray that no matter what the world or even the church throws at them, they will walk in full confidence in you. We pray they will abide in you and bear much fruit. We pray you will surround our pastors with good counselors who will walk with them through the tough times and remind them that their hope is in you.

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

"Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

**PRAYER:** We praise you, Lord, for your mercies. We praise you that you don't treat us as we deserve to be treated. We praise you for your compassion and your faithfulness. Keep us from presuming upon your grace and mercy. We pray for our pastors, that they will grasp the full measure of your grace and mercy, so that they can proclaim it to the families of the church. Fill their hearts with gratitude that is contagious. In those times of discouragement, show them your new mercies.

## Wednesday, September 17

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

**PRAYER:** We praise you, Lord, that you are just and full of mercy. You call us to be a reflection of your character. Remind us that being your disciples involves walking before you in humility and ministering to those in need of justice and mercy. We pray for our pastors, that they will model a life of humility. We pray that you will use them to lead other leaders to also walk in humility. We pray pastors will not see humility as a weakness, but rather as strength that comes from you. We pray you will give them grace to minister to those Jesus referred to as "the least of these."

#### Thursday, September 18

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest'" (Matthew 9:36-38).

**PRAYER:** We praise you, Lord, that you were moved with compassion when you saw us as wandering sheep. Thank you for pursuing us. Forgive us for being so consumed with our own needs that we fail to see the lost around us. We pray for our pastors, that they will never lose sight of the harvest. We pray you will use them to equip the families of the church to be harvest workers. We pray that dads and moms will instill in the hearts of their children a desire to see their friends trust in you.

#### Friday, September 19

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me,

and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me" (John 15:1-4).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for the pruning that you do in our lives. We acknowledge that we don't always appreciate it, but we are thankful. We pray for our pastors, that they will abide in you and that in abiding they will bear much fruit. We pray they will lead their families to abide in you, so they can stand strong and bear fruit even during difficult times.

## Saturday, September 20

**GOD IS GREATER:** "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:31-32).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for the assurance that you are for us. When we face trials, we sometimes forget that the One who is for us is greater than any force that is against us. We pray for our pastors, that you will encourage them with these words. Remind them when they are in the middle of a battle that you are fighting for them. We pray you will equip them to encourage the families of the church that they can trust you in the face of any opposition and know that you are greater than anything they may face. We pray that you will guard their hearts from becoming hard when the going is tough. We pray you will help them model an unshakable confidence in you.

### Sunday, September 21

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that your love never fails. We pray for our pastors that you will give them big hearts to love the church you have called them to serve. Give them hearts to love their community. We pray you will fill their homes with your love. We pray their home will model selflessness, humility, patience, and hope. We pray their home will be filled with the love of Christ.

# WEEK #4—September 22-28

The theme for this year has been "this is my story." As we focus on families this month and on the ministry of the local church, pray that each family will develop their story so that God can use them to "love like Jesus and live like missionaries."

This week we want to pray for each local church, that there would be a broader commitment to living more and more like Jesus so that we can have a greater impact on this secular culture. We praise the Lord for our churches that intentionally engage the culture - churches God is using to see lives changed.

Pray that every Missionary Church will pursue a lifestyle of radical disciples. Pray that there will be a growing number of believers in our churches who intentionally build relationships with other families who are not in the church that they might reach them for Jesus.

## Monday, September 22

"Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:8-10).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for your grace in times of adversity. We confess that we prefer life without adversity, and yet we know that it is in challenging times that we experience the greatest measure of your grace. We pray for our churches that are facing challenges – lack of space; limited resources; attacks on families. We pray your grace will be sufficient to see them through the touch times. We pray for families in each of our churches -especially for those immigrant families and are trying to work and become citizens of the U.S. We pray for your grace as they face the trials related to immigration.

## **Tuesday, September 23**

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that Christ lives in us. Some days we don't look as much like Him as we want to look. We ask that you help us live our lives crucified with Christ. Help us live this life by faith. We pray for each of our local churches that they might be filled with people who are fully surrendered to Jesus so that He can use them to reach others. We pray that our churches will truly live by faith and that our people will know the love the Father has for each one.

## Wednesday, September 24

**GOOD FRUIT:** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23a).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that the fruit of the Spirit stands in such contrast to the deeds of the flesh (5:19). We praise you that you transform us by your Spirit. We want to walk daily in the Spirit. We pray for each of our churches that the fruit of the Spirit will always be on full display, even in those times of disagreement and times when there are major challenges. We pray that the families of our churches will demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in the home. We know that cannot happen apart from the filling of your Spirit. Come and fill us we pray.

## Thursday, September 25

"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 1:15-20).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for hope and for the exceeding greatness of your power. We pray you will give to each member of our church a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus. We pray that each of our churches will have a reputation of faith in you and love for one another. We pray that our church family will always seek to know you more and will more fully grasp the extent of your grace and power.

## Friday, September 26

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Philippians 1:3).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for every one of our churches. We praise you for the large churches; for small churches; for new churches and older churches. Lord, we celebrate all that you have and are accomplishing through each of these representations of the body of Christ. Teach us to celebrate what you are doing in the church down the street or in another state. Strengthen this family of churches called, "The Missionary Church."

## Saturday, September 27

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10).

**PRAYER:** Father, our greatest desire as a church is that each member would walk with you. Teach us to be faithful in praying for one another and for the families of our church. We pray that we would walk worthy of you, that we would grow in knowledge of you, and that you would strengthen us by your power so that our children will grow to love and serve you. Help us teach our children to seek your will in all things — to seek your will for their vocation; to seek your will regarding marriage; to seek your will regarding how and where to serve.

## Sunday, September 28

"And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints" (1 Thessalonians 3:12-13).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for the hope of the return of Jesus. Continue to remind us of Christ's return. We pray that as we wait for His return, our love for one another will increase and that we will abound in our expressions of love throughout the church. We pray the community will know we are your followers because of our love for one another. We pray for families with bruised or broken relationships that they might find a special kind

of love within the body of Christ that brings healing to those relationships. Establish the hearts of your people blameless in holiness before you.

#### **OUR PERSONAL WALK**

In these last two days of the month, we focus on our personal work with Jesus and on our own families. Are we willing to consider what it means to live a radical life for Jesus in the context of the home? Are we willing to fully embrace a Jesus-life that is full of compassion, humility, justice and mercy? Are we living like Jesus at home as well as at church?

As you think about your own family, ask the Lord to teach you how to pray for each member of the family. If there are family members who are not walking with the Lord, take time to intercede for them – not just in these two days but commit time daily to pray for them.

## Monday, September 29

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2a).

**PRAYER:** We praise you that Jesus has gone before us. We praise you for the many men and women who have also walked by faith and given us examples of what it means to fully trust in you. We know that this journey is a marathon and not a sprint. Show us those weights that hinder our race. Give us the courage to throw them aside. Help us run the race well and to run to the finish so that our children will also know how to run. Help us teach our children that the weights of sin that ensnare us are not worth clinging to. Help us run in such a way that our children believe they, too, can run this race.

#### **Tuesday, September 30**

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you give us a path to return to you. Forgive our times of stubborn rebellion. We pray that our family will be characterized by humility — a place of forgiveness and grace. We pray that we will always seek your face and that we will be quick to turn from anything that is sinful. Help us to be quick to acknowledge when we have sinned and quick to seek forgiveness from you and from those we have offended, especially in the family.

#### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

Who are the families God has put in your life? Who are the families of faith who need a word of encouragement? Who are the families in your life who are not walking with Jesus? How does God want to use you to minister to them.

- Pray for those families who need encouragement.
- Pray for those who need to know Jesus.
- Ask Him for open doors to share your story with them.