

asking God for safety and for family unity on our trip. It's a habit.

Prayer habits are helpful tools to remind us of our dependence on God. They help us stay close to God and together as a family. Perhaps you have some habits of your own. Before you eat, you pray. Maybe before the kids leave for school, you pray. Before they go to bed, you pray. That's good.

Developing prayer habits can be of tremendous help to those families who want to develop a close relationship with the Lord but find that the busyness of the day squeezes out the time we had hoped to spend with Him. When we designate different activities of the day before or after which we always pray, we'll assure ourselves of regular communication with our Creator. That could become empty ritual, but it doesn't have to be—it can be a time of rich fellowship with our Lord.

David, who wrote Psalm 55, said that he prayed in the morning, noon, and evening (v.17). Daniel prayed three times a day (Daniel 6:10). Like them, we would be wise to develop prayer habits as a family. They're great ways to make prayer an integral, constant part of our daily lives. —JDB

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Does your family have regular times of prayer each day?

If not, when could you set aside time to focus your thoughts on God and talk to Him?

To make the most of your time, take time to pray.



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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

Getting Into The Habit

Daniel . . . knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed, . . . as was his custom. — Daniel 6:10

The family car is packed to the limit. The kids have their books, tapes, and games. The roof rack clearly signals to all observers that our family is on holidays. But before we leave the driveway, we always stop and pray—





Our Home

Our Family as a Witness

In Ephesians 5-6 there are four snapshots of God's relationship with His people (Pictured by family relationships):

**1. Submission to Christ is pictured by a Christian _____
submission to _____**, Ephesians 5:22, 24,

(Romans 13:1) "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God."



**2. Christ's love for the Christian is pictured by a Christian _____
love for _____**, Ephesians 5:23, 25-27

(Matthew 20:26-28) ""Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. {27} "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave; {28} "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.""



**3. The Christian's unity with Christ is pictured by a Christian _____
unity with _____**, Ephesians 5:31-32

(1 Corinthians 9:5) "Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?"

(Acts 18:1-3) "After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. {2} And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. {3} So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers."



**4. New life in Christ is most profoundly seen in the _____
of a functioning Christian _____**, Ephesians 6:1-4

(Philemon 1:1-2) "Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer, {2} to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:"

