

Father, you commanded us to honor our fathers and mothers. You said that obeying this commandment would bring great blessing into our lives. Therefore, we ask you to move by your Spirit in the lives of our young people and bring forth in them a profound love and respect for their parents. Such heart-felt respect will open the doors to your promised blessing.

Father, bring the families of our youth together in unity, having compassion for one another. May each of these families love as Jesus loved, and be tender-hearted and courteous to each other. May their love prevent them from returning evil for evil, or reviling for reviling. Instead, may they bestow blessings upon each other, knowing that they were all called to inherit a blessing together.

Father, may they never allow unwholesome, foul, profane, or vulgar words to come out of their mouths, but only such speech as is good for building up others. May they never permit bitterness, wrath, anger, resentment, fault-finding, and strife, to prevail in their homes. Teach them to be kind and helpful to one another, compassionate, understanding, and forgiving readily and freely, just as God in Christ also forgave us all.

Holy Spirit, we ask that you would do a mighty work in our families as you turn the hearts of fathers and mothers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers and mothers. We pray that you would produce a deep-seated repentance that would lead to the reconciliation of innumerable families throughout our land. May your grace and peace fill their hearts as they yield to your unfailing love.

In Jesus' name, Amen!