

Family life

⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. *Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)*

Creative idea, thinking about relationships

Below is a blank photo montage for you to fill in. Quietly and prayerfully reflect on the relationships (past and present) that are and that have been significant to you.

Now write some of those people's names in the any of the blank shapes.

- Who do you need to affirm or thank?
- Who do you need to get in touch with?
- Who do you need to forgive?
- Who needs your peace?

If you have time later in the week you could make a new photo album or sort out old ones. Spend time in prayer with the photos of those who matter to you – they are God's gift to you.

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Prayers

We pray for the members who support the Diocesan project at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford; remembering those that help the families whilst their young baby is in hospital and those who provide the toiletries that enable them to stay close to their loved one.

A Prayer for Children

Loving God,
your Son told his disciples
to become like little children.
Lead us to work for the welfare
and protection of all young people.
May we respect their dignity
that they may flourish in life,
following the example of the same
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

A Prayer for Family Life

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/topical-prayers/prayers-for-family-life-and-children.aspx>