Praying With The Family

Episode 3: Finding the Time

(Note: you can pray these prayers together or one spouse can say the first line, the other spouse the second, and then take turns until you get to the end and both pray “Amen” together).

**Monday Prayer**
Prayer to the Holy Family from Pope Francis
Found in the Apostolic Exhortation “The Joy of Love”

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God’s plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.

**Tuesday Prayer**
Prayer from “A Blessed Marriage: The Message of the Beatitudes”
By Mark Krejci

O God, we thank You for the gift of the sacrament of marriage, a gift given to humanity through Your grace from the beginning.

Help us to keep our marriage at the center of our lives.

Help us to better reflect Your love to each other and to the world.

Through our marriage, may we reveal to each other the union that awaits us in heaven with You.

We ask this through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen
Wednesday Prayer
Prayer from “A Blessed Marriage: The Message of the Beatitudes”
By Mark Krejci

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
You inspire peace in our world. You bring harmony to all.

Help us follow Your example and strengthen harmony in our marriage.

For the times when we become frustrated, we ask for forgiveness.

For the times when we become angry, we ask for forgiveness.

We are all created in the image and likeness of God.

Help us to see God in each other as we live our marriage.

Amen

Thursday Prayer
Prayer for our Family #3
By St. Teresa of Calcutta

Heavenly Father, you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign.

May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic, revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow in family prayer.

Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise.

May the Eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way.

May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins.

Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and give whatever you take with a big smile.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us. Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us.

Amen.
Dear God, when we hunger and thirst for righteousness, we are satisfied by You.

When we act with justice we are guided by You.

When we seek marital collaboration we know the answer will be found in You.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will come to our marriage so that we will hunger and thirst for righteousness.

We pray that we will use this gift of justice and live marriages filled with collaboration.
Amen