

# Christian Family Life

What is the Holy Family? It is one of God's best creations he has given to man. It includes St. Joseph who is the Patron Saint of Canada, Blessed Mother Mary the one who we ask to pray for us, and Jesus Christ the Son of God and the one who died for us on the cross.

They are the ideal family. It is what we want to be like. A family who is God centered, prayerful, and joyful. All aspects God wants from a family. No family is perfect, there is always hardships, disagreements, and fights but families can look up to strive to be like the Holy Family.

As I said earlier, no family is perfect but God does not expect us to be perfect, we're only human. This generation there has so many broken families with separated parents or even parents that abandon their family. Due to not being loyal to your significant other, fights, and not being a Christ centered family. A lot of families now do not go to church, pray, or even talk about God that often together. It seems like the children are starting to become more and more distracted to technology and gadgets that they started talking less to their parents. Some parents don't really try to build that relationship with their child. Having a Christ centered family would be hard with no communication both ways. God will be there, but will the family be there? That is the real question.

Families can fix that easily, they just should take it step by step. Like anyone can start by calling everyone and leading a quick prayer, it doesn't have to be that big. Just if you keep Christ in your family. Take time to attend Mass together as a family. Set a time for your family to pray together at home., "A family that prays together, stays together. Joining a Christian Community could also help. I know a lot of families that had a hard time but got through it, through God. A community called Couples for Christ has helped so many families. It's a good place to start your religious journey. My family and I wouldn't have been so strong with our faith without Couples for Christ and our community at St. Patrick's Church.

My family is far from perfect, we fight, not everyone's home all the time, and we get mad at each other occasionally, but through God's help and love, He helps us get through all of that. He gives us time to pray as a family even when everyone's schedule is hectic. We go to mass every Sunday and try to have a Christ centered family. I would like to conclude this essay by saying. Try as hard as a family to stay together but stay together with Christ.

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### *Introduction*

Hello, my name is Richard, and this is my writing assignment about Christian family life. I am going to start by saying, a Christian family can, and will come in many different shapes and sizes, as well as different cultures. Just because two families are from two different ends of the earth, that does not mean God will not accept them as equal. Christians do not need to look or feel the same to go to church.

### *My Christian Family Life*

In my family, there are seven members in total. They are my parents, as well as my two older brothers and two older sisters, which makes me the youngest. It is kind of hard growing up being separated with the next youngest sibling by seven years, but my parents still made it work. We ate breakfast and dinner together, went to church every Sunday, and all of us participated in the Catechism program here at St. Mary's Cathedral. I am finishing up my eighth year here, and planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year in Level 9. My family and I still carry on the tradition of altar serving in the Church in an act of thanks, offering our services and talents to use during Mass. Every Sunday my mother and father, and occasionally my sister, go to Mass, pray, sing, and receive Holy Communion.

### *Characteristics of a Christian Family*

Some characteristics a Christian family may have are praying together, eating together, sharing valuable experiences together, and finally, one of the most important ones, going to Mass. Not all Christians may have some of the characteristics said above, but as long as that "family prays together, they stay together". Obviously, a Christian family would pray together whether it be before a meal, after a meal, or for an ill-struck loved one. As long as that family can find time to pray with each other, they may live a happy life. Now, you do not necessarily need to be praying 24/7, although that would be kinda cool. Prayer can help bring family and friends closer together in the eyes of God. Prayer is a way to ask God for good things and blessings in our everyday lives. Let us suppose you have a friend who just recently went on a trip to another country. Praying for that friend to have a fun and safe trip can help build that relationship with the said friend.

### *Conclusion*

I would like to conclude by saying, being able to live a happy Christian life is something we should not take for granted. We should think of it as a gift from God. As for me, a Christian family life is something very important to me in my everyday life. I am proud to say that I have a good family and parents who love me very much, and who I love very much. If there is anything to take away from this assignment, it is to cherish those around you, spend time with your family, eat meals together, and of course go to church.

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Christian family life can mean a lot of things. A family that lives out the will of God is one example. The husband loves his wife as Christ loves the church and the wife loves her husband the same. Loving can be as simple as showing an act of kindness or saying I love you! The parents lead their children in the ways of Jesus, truth, and by following the Bible. The responsibility of the husband is to take care of and provide for the family. The wife is doing this too but it is a big responsibility of the husband.

It is very important for the family to be spending time together whether it be praying, eating, or even talking. You should always make time for each other throughout the day especially now since everybody is on their phones and electronics. Families should always be going to church. There are always times where we have busy schedules but it is always good to go to a 5:00 PM, 9:30 AM, or 11:30 AM Mass. On a similar note, celebrating the Sacraments is a very good thing to do as well such as going to a Baptism or a First Communion especially of a family member.

More importantly, Christian families should always be there for one another. Do not lock yourself in your room or ignore your parents when they ask you to do something like wash the dishes or some extra chores. Ask them about their day or if someone in the family has a problem or issue they want to address, listen and give them advice. Children are to obey and honour their parents. Children do what they are asked to and do not talk back. The family also follows The Ten Commandments.

It all comes down to respect. Families should always respect each other and their selves. Saying please and thank you are examples. Respect is very important to have and it is another way to share the love of God. Although there are always some ups and downs in life, the Christian faith always thinks positive! Sometimes you just have to look at the glass half full instead of half empty. The Christian faith is very important and also living out a Christian family life. Once the family fulfills their roles from God, there will be peace and happiness in the home.

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