**Family Worship Guide – “The Power of Prayer”**

*…as for me and my house, we will serve (worship) the Lord* (Joshua 24:15)

Considerations:

* You might use/refer to the NIV translation: *The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results*

**Read God’s word together**

Bible Verse – James 5:16

Possible questions/conversation-starters:

1. Why do you feel that prayer is important? (Prayer allows us to communicate with God and to draw closer to Him; through prayer we can worship, praise, and thank God for all that He is and all that He’s done; prayer is the “breath of the soul” – it’s as important for spiritual life as breathing is for natural life).

2. What does the word “earnest” mean, and how does this connect to prayer? (Showing serious and sincere conviction or belief; when we pray to God, it’s important that we pray seriously and sincerely, believing that He is all that He says He is, and can do all that He says He can do!).

3. What does it mean to be righteous? (Being righteous means that we try to always do the right and moral thing; we can never be perfectly righteous as Jesus was, but we can strive to always do what’s right and aligned with God’s will and Jesus’ example).

4. What does James say the result is when we—those who try to always do what’s right—pray to God seriously and sincerely? (Our prayers will have great power/produce wonderful results!).

*If desired, take a moment here to talk about what some of these “wonderful results” might be!*

**Pray together**

Prompt: Give thanks to God for allowing weak, sinful human beings to communicate with Him, for the *power* of prayer, and for the wonderful results of powerful prayer that you’ve experienced in your life. Ask that you and your family might pray more earnestly, and that you might live more righteously, so that you can experience the power and glory of God more fully.

**Sing together**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Hymnal 226) or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTpUQO0aryw>

To My Knees – Hillsong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keuig_4kHD8>

Any hymn/song of praise and worship!