

# FAMILY

## FOR THE ONE WHO IS CLOSE

Lord, I pray for this family member I love so dearly. The person fills me up and makes me know I'm worth something. I pray I won't put this person on pedestal, but rather hold them close to my heart. May you still be first, O Lord, in my heart, but let me lift them up to you. I pray they will demonstrate compassion today. Give them a heart for you. I pray for their desire to serve you, keep it strong. I pray you will bless them and show yourself to them today. Amen.

## FOR THE ONE WHO IS DISTANT

O God, sometimes I just don't understand this person. They are cold and aloof. Help me to not take things personally when I talk to them. Draw them close to you, even if it means we aren't close. I pray for their safety and that they will grow in the knowledge of Christ. Remind me of my worth in you, and not in their acknowledgement of me. Amen.

## FOR THE ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW GOD

O Father, I once was lost but now I'm found. Remind me that you had to save me once too. Be near this family member who doesn't know you. Bring people in their lives who can speak the truth of your word to them. Give them friends to encourage them to go to church, pray, and seek after you. I pray if that is supposed to be me, I will have the courage to stand up and tell them how to be close to you. O Father, draw them to you. Amen.

## FOR THE ONE WHO LOST THEIR WAY

O Jesus, you left the ninety-nine to seek after the one. Remind me again how you love each and every single lost person. This family member has lost their way. They are struggling with bad choices, sins, or just plain suffering. I pray you will allow me to speak mercy and love into their lives (not judgement). Help them seek you during this difficult time. Amen.

## FOR THE ONE WHO IS SUFFERING

O Spirit, comfort this family member suffering. They are hurting beyond what I can do to help. Flowers and cards don't seem enough. Help me to know what to say and what to do. I lift them up to you today. Comfort. Heal. Forgive. Bind up their wounds and let them see you, even in the midst of their suffering. Amen.