

# Family Reunion

**In my Father's house are many mansions:  
if it were not so, I would have told you.**

**I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2**



*Seeing God in Everything*

*Mark your calendar...Our family reunion for 2013 will be held in New Orleans...*

Excitement arose as I read an email announcing my family's upcoming reunion. Even though the assembly is not until next year, plans and preparations are already in the making.

The establishment of our family reunion began in the 1970s, and today, the tradition is still going strong. We gather biennially in various cities to fellowship, have fun and celebrate our rich heritage.

Those of us who have been attending the reunions over the years, have seen our family go through many transformations. We may have changed shapes, sizes, and natural hair color, but our family is still as vibrant as ever. Our family tree has shed a few branches, as some of our precious loved ones have gone home to be with the Lord. Yet, our tree is still full as new tiers of branches are constantly blooming. Our roots are strong and deep, as we not only celebrate our coming together as a family, but also rejoice in God's goodness and many blessings.

Our family gatherings have been a source of anticipation and joy for me. However, there is another family reunion that is sure to be the reunion of all reunions. The family Patriarch, who is patient and loving, has been diligently preparing a place for this reunion. He is constructing a city that will be massive in size to accommodate the abundance of heirs who will ascend from all over the world. As you may have already figured out, this great reunion is when God and His children are united in heaven.

Many of us have enjoyed our earthly family reunions, but nothing will compare to this grand gathering. Men and women of God, we have been given the awesome responsibility and privilege of delivering the announcements and sending correspondence to family, friends and strangers. We are to encourage them to RSVP "yes" to our Father's invitation to join Him at His house. Our goal is to have a massive family reunion, knowing that this reunion will last forever.

*Dear Father, thank you for the day you invited us into Your family, and allowed us the privilege of calling you Our Father. Thank You for preparing a special place for us.*

# Praise July 2012 Prayer

Study  
Verses

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<b>Ephesians</b> <b>1:3-6</b>  <i>We were a part of God's plan</i>	<b>1</b> Praise God for the spiritual blessings that comes from heaven	<b>2</b> Give praises, God chose us even before He created the world	<b>3</b> Pray we will realize that because of God, we can live holy and blameless lives before Him	<b>4</b> Pray we will realize that because of Jesus, we have been adopted into God's family	<b>5</b> Pray we will realize that the blessings from heaven are eternal and not temporal	<b>6</b> Give praises, it is because of God's grace that we are accepted into His family	<b>7</b> Pray we will walk worthy of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us
<b>1 Peter</b> <b>2:9-10</b>  <i>God chose us to be His children</i>	<b>8</b> Praise God for choosing us	<b>9</b> Pray that we will realize that we have been chosen to do good works	<b>10</b> Praise God for bringing us out of darkness into His light	<b>11</b> Praise God for His mercies towards us	<b>12</b> Pray we will be God's ambassadors	<b>13</b> Pray we will realize that we have been set apart by God for His use	<b>14</b> Give praises, because we belong to God, we can go directly to Him
<b>Revelation</b> <b>3:5; 22:14</b>  <i>We have special access</i>	<b>15</b> Give praises, when we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, we have access to the tree of life	<b>16</b> Pray we will strive to keep God's commandments	<b>17</b> Give praise, because of Jesus, we no longer are controlled by sin	<b>18</b> Pray we will stand firm in our faith	<b>19</b> Pray we will love the Lord God with all our heart, soul and mind	<b>20</b> Pray that we will live a life which displays that we belong to God	<b>21</b> Praise God when we accepted Christ, our names were written in the Lambs Book of Life
<b>Proverbs</b> <b>11:30</b>  <i>We are to lead others to God's family</i>	<b>22</b> Praise God for those who influenced us to become a part of God's family	<b>23</b> Pray we will lead our family members to Christ	<b>24</b> Pray we will lead our friends and co-workers to Christ	<b>25</b> Pray we will lead our neighbors to Christ	<b>26</b> Praise God for the missionaries who travel from country to country spreading the gospel	<b>27</b> Pray that our lives will draw others to Christ	<b>28</b> Pray we will realize that the wisest thing we can ever do is to be a witness
<b>Phil</b>  <b>3:20-21</b> <i>We have something to look forward to</i>	<b>29</b> Give praises, one day we will have the same family trait, we will be like Christ	<b>30</b> Pray we will realize that our to God will be well worth it	<b>31</b> Give praises, our citizenship is in heaven	 <h2>Connecting our Family Tree to the Tree of Life</h2>			