

## **Create Your Family Mission Statement**

*A Lenten Activity for Faith, Unity & Purpose*

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” – Joshua 24:15

### **What Is a Family Mission Statement?**

A family mission statement is a simple but meaningful declaration of your family’s values, priorities, and purpose. It helps you grow together in faith, love, and service. It becomes your spiritual compass—especially during Lent, a season of reflection and renewal.

### **How to Create Your Mission Statement**

Step 1: Gather as a Family

Pick a quiet time (like Sunday evening or during a Lenten meal) to sit down together.

Light a candle and begin with a short prayer.

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

Holy Spirit guide our hearts as we listen, share, and shape our family’s purpose. Help us follow Jesus more closely. Amen.”

Step 2: Reflect and Discuss

Ask each family member:

- What do we love most about our family?
- What kind of people do we want to be?
- How do we show love, faith, forgiveness, and service?
- What do we believe God is calling our family to do?

Optional prompts for kids:

- What makes our family strong?
- How can we help others like Jesus did?

Step 3: Choose Core Values

Write down 3–5 words or phrases that reflect what matters most to your family. Some examples:

Faith, Love, Hospitality, Forgiveness, Generosity, Prayer,  
Kindness, Unity, Honesty, Service

Step 4: Write the Mission Statement

Now, turn your ideas into 2–4 simple sentences. Make it short, easy to remember, and true to your family. Use the template below.

### **Family Mission Statement Template**

“We are the \_\_\_\_\_ family.

We believe in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

We follow Jesus by \_\_\_\_\_.

We want our home to be a place where

\_\_\_\_\_.”

*(Feel free to adapt or simplify based on your kids’ ages.)*

### **Step 5: Display and Live It Out**

Post it somewhere visible: the fridge, family prayer space, or front door.

Revisit it weekly during Lent and discuss: How did we live this out today?

Include it in your Lenten Offering Box or Family Prayer Journal.

### **Extra Ideas**

Let each child draw pictures around the mission statement.

Create a “family crest” with your values and mission.

Make it part of your Lenten Family Night, along with Scripture and prayer.