THANK YOU SO MUCH for joining us in praying for families this week. Around the world, moms and dads are struggling with how to provide a happy, healthy home in a time of fear and disruptions. Let’s pray together for families, both in our own neighborhoods and around the world.

1. Pray for families who are struggling financially. Pray that parents who have lost their jobs will not grow discouraged and will find hope. Pray that God will reveal ways you can minister to families in your own community who have lost jobs and livelihoods during this time.

2. Pray for emotional healing for families. Pray for old wounds that have been reopened in this difficult season. Pray also for physical healing for families who are suffering from illness. Pray specifically for a family in your life who needs the work of the Great Physician.

3. Pray for protection for the families in your life. Pray that moms and dads who are working outside of the home will be protected. Pray especially for parents you know who are first responders and are on the front lines of this fight.

4. Pray for families in poverty. A global crisis like this one hits these families especially hard. Pray that they will be able to find resources and help in this time. If you sponsor a child with Compassion, will you take a moment to pray for his or her family?

5. Praise God for family togetherness. While this season feels so hard, there are good, beautiful things happening. Look for those things in your own family, and praise God for ways He is bringing people together.

6. Pray for guidance for moms and dads and other caregivers. Pray that as they help their children navigate this time, they will have wisdom. Pray for them as they help with schoolwork, as they channel energy and soothe any fears.

7. Pray against tension and anger in homes. Pray that God would fill each room with His peace, and that harsh words will be traded for kind ones.

—COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

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