

*My wife says two must agree. I say good so let's plan our prayers so that everyone can participate. I, as the head, will round it up she say. We can later pray for individuals needs privately. Can you teach or give me idea of how to conduct family prayer?*

The Holy Spirit lives and speaks through his servants on earth (Ac 28:25, Re 19:10). When his servants share the word of God, they loose it. When they withhold it, they bind it. Jesus emphasized the need to confront a sinning brother to bring him back into a right relationship with the Lord (Mt 18:18). Heaven supports church disciplinary decisions (Mt 18:18).

The spirit in a believing husband should agree with the spirit in a believing wife (1 Co 16:19, Phil 2:2). The Bible teaches mutual submission between husband and wife (Ge 2:19, 20; 3:16, Eph 5:21, Col 3:10).

Family prayer should: seek God's will (Ac 10:2, 30, 1 Jn 5:14), purely (Ps 66:18, 19), believing (Mt 21:22) and in Christ's name (Jn 14:13).

Parts of prayer include: adoration (Da 4:34, 35), confession (1 Jn 1:9), supplication (1 Ti 2:1-3), intercession (Jas 5:14, 15) and thanksgiving (Phil 4:6).

It is for us to let God initiate prayer in and through us (Jn 3:8).