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M: Dear Heavenly Father, we know you love us and you reflect that in your eternal plans for us. May our prayers reflect our love for your name, knowing we can ask you anything. As our Heavenly Father, you have given us many blessings. One of those blessings is your holy word.

C: Your word is our strength in all troubles, as it proclaims your holy name.

M: We also want to proclaim your holy name. Give us strength to preach your word faithfully. Give us wisdom to teach your word in full truth.

C: Remind us that we bear your name as your children and will one day be with you in heaven.

M: As we bear your name, we pray that our lives honor your name and keep it holy. Guard us from false teaching and living lives that are contrary to your word.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: May our lives proclaim your name for the salvation of all people.

C: May our lives be pleasing to you by doing works in thanks for the sacrifice of your Son on the cross. In his name we pray. Amen.

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