

***Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up. (1 Corinthians 13:4)***

Family is the basic unit of society. Someone rightly said that there would be peace in the world if there is peace within every family. For a Christian family it is all the more important since Jesus compared his relation with the church to that of a husband and his wife. To have a peaceful marriage both husbands and wives must submit, love and respect one another. The Lord established the sacred union of marriage and instructed, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Paul says, "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

We live in a society that is fast losing its values and morals. It is rapidly becoming permissive and fractious.

A lot of intolerance, unfaithfulness and compromise are the direct result of a lack of family prayer time. In the quest of having a 'comfortable life' even having one meal together is becoming a rarity. The local church must actively intervene to address these vital issues. The youth must be mentored and nurtured by mature believers and trained personnel for premarital and family counseling must be available. The importance and sanctity of marriage must be adequately explained and all efforts must be made towards reconciliation.

**Prayer**

***O Lord, may church and home combine to teach thy perfect way, with gentleness and love like thine, that none shall ever stray Amen.***