



## “FAMILY FAITH”

By Mary Mayko

I cannot recall a time, when my parents did not pray.  
Their life in Christ was real and helped them every day!  
Praying was as natural to them as breathing or so it seems,  
Directing their paths and influencing their many dreams.

We grew up with scripture verses that were well known.  
Now there are so many we can claim for our very own!  
Through songs of praise and comfort, songs of joy and peace,  
We gained a quiet knowledge that God’s love would never cease!

In their times of any need they called upon His Name!  
Tho’ they suffered much, they trusted Him just the same!  
Sickness would come, even death of loved ones to their door,  
But their faith was steadfast, they needed Him even more!

I loved Sunday School, Church and the many friends we had,  
Who were so precious in our good time or when things were bad!  
Dinners we had together, grownups talking, kids playing outside,  
So much fun and pleasant fellowship where unity did abide!

These memories are still a great treasure for me,  
Proving the best things in life really are free!  
The influence of Family Faith still lingers on,  
Giving me strength and in my heart, a new song!

Tho some are in Heaven now, waiting in Glory,  
For the day we are all together to share in their joy!  
So let us hold steadfast to our faith in one accord,  
Daily now, as we walk on with our Savior and our LORD!

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## **“I’m Amazed”**

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**I’m sitting I amazement,  
how you formed the stars and sun.  
And how you touched that child,  
who was crippled, so he could run.**

**Yet I’m amazed, dear Father, of the little things, how you care.  
Like birds and bees and flowers, and even what I wear.**

**I’m amazed at how in detail, snowflakes are different, every one!  
Yet you could love someone like me, to give me your only Son!**

**I sit in amazement how anyone could hate,  
When my Savior Jesus Christ, gave such a love so great!**

**He gave His life at Calvary, how precious like a dove.  
Amazing still, He died for you and me, just to show His love!**

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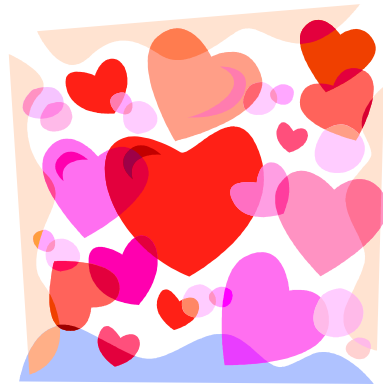
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## HEARTSTRINGS AND HOSPITALITY

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The heart of a mother has so many strings!  
She values family and friends so much more than  
things.

Each person she knows has a different cord  
Placed there for a specific purpose by the LORD!



With her heart and home open to welcome you there,  
When you enter, you know it's blessed by prayer!  
Gracious wisdom and love just flows from her soul.  
The warmth of her smile dispels darkness and cold!

When her children do well and enjoy their life,  
Her heartstrings bounce with joy, rids her of worry and strife!  
If they're ill or attacked someway, her heartstrings wind up tight,  
And it's easy to see, she is ready and able to fight a good fight!

Wounds from a dear friend will cause her heart to weep,  
Yet she seeks to make peace before she goes to sleep!  
Faithful friends in times of trouble can ease the heartstrings!  
Their love and loyalty is a blessing and much joy they bring!

Be careful how you pull on someone's heartstrings!  
You can bring many sorrows or make their hearts sing!  
The LORD wants us to show kindness and brings others cheer,  
For a heart full of hospitality is one He holds dear!

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