



### *A Prayer for Stepfamilies*

Blessed are you, God of creation!  
It is difficult to parent two batches of kids and love  
them into one family. Look on stepfamilies, Lord.

Give them courage to build new relationships,  
the willingness to adjust to one another's habits,  
likes, and dislikes, and an ability to laugh  
over small things.

Bless all the grandparents, aunts, uncles, and  
cousins who are coming on board as family.

Bless this widening embrace of family with  
patience, joy and love. *Amen.*

## *Blended Family's Prayer*

**She:** God of all people, we find ourselves together as a family.

You chose each of us to live and move and have our being in you.

**He:** You foreknew that we would be living together, a blended family.

As this family, make of us something new that has not been before.

**She:** When we are tempted to take sides, smooth rough edges and ruffled feathers; bring your peace and love. Help us grow in love of one another, as you love us.

**He:** Just as a tapestry is woven of many threads into a beautiful whole, we ask you to weave us together that our family may be whole and beautiful.

**She:** We know we are all your children in your Son, Jesus Christ and, as such, owe you our loyalty and respect.

**Together:** May we show each family member the same loyalty and respect.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

– Pat Nischan

