

10 Ways to Make Family Gatherings More Pleasant (without expecting anyone else to change)

1. Smile.
2. Practice saying "Mmmmm hmmm."
3. Repeat to yourself, "She is doing the best she can with the tools she has."
4. JBP: Just Be Polite.
5. Don't make a scene.
6. Don't push people's buttons.
7. Find something nice to say about everyone.
8. Don't take the bait.
9. Help with everything.
10. "Ask not what your family can do for you: ask what you can do for your family."

DAILY PRAYER

My God, help me to live this day just for You. Remind me of You often. Take everything I do today as done with the love of my whole being for You alone. Let me glorify You with Your mercy. Do not let me judge. Teach me to GIVE and to FORGIVE - as You would, completely, whole-heartedly, without reserve.

Identify me with Christ and Christ with others. Remind me that like Him, I too, must empty myself of all that does not breathe of You. Teach me to use things, not to possess them, nor to desire them wrongly. They are only gifts in which You are so inevitably present.

I abandon myself completely into Your Fatherly arms. I accept with JOY all You have planned for me this day. I ask only LOVE to dwell within this living tabernacle, and to leave Its light on the lives of others.

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