"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them."

- Desmond Tutu

"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family: Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one."

- Jane Howard

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city."

- George Burns

"There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues, the most dominating virtues of human, are created, strengthened and maintained."

- Winston Churchill

"I don't care about whose DNA has recombined with whose. When everything goes to hell, the people who stand by you without flinching, they are your family."

- Jim Butcher

"Family is often born of blood, but it doesn't depend on blood. Nor is it exclusive of friendship. Family members can be your best friends... And best friends, whether or not they are related to you, can be your family."

- Trenton Lee Stewart

"The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life. Rarely do members of one family grow up under the same roof."

- Richard Bach

"The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish."

- Pope John Paul II

"No one's family is normal. Normalcy is a lie invented by advertising agencies to make the rest of us feel inferior."

- Claire LaZebnik

"The way you help heal the world is to start with your own family."

- Mother Theresa

"You are born into your family and your family is born into you. No returns. No exchanges."

- Elizabeth Berg