

Malayalam for NRIs: Family Phrases

Talk to your parents, grandparents & family in Malayalam — Romanised, no script needed
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Made for Malayalis raised abroad. These are the warm, everyday phrases to use with parents, grandparents and relatives — on video calls, at festivals, and whenever you want to say 'I love you' in your family's language. All in easy Romanised Malayalam, so you can start today.

Talking with Parents & Grandparents

Say this (Malayalam)	It means
Ammaykku sukhamaanu?	How are you, mother?
Achaa, sukhamaanu?	Father, how are you?
Muthassi engane undu?	How is grandma?
Njaan ninne orthu	I missed you
Enikku ningale kaanaan kothiyaayi	I'm longing to see you
Bhakshanam kazhichho?	Have you eaten?
Marunnu kazhichho?	Did you take your medicine?
Sradhichu irikku	Take care of yourself

Love & Affection

Say this (Malayalam)	It means
Enikku ningale orupaadu ishtamaanu	I love you very much
Ningal ente koode undu	You are with me / in my heart
Nandi, ellaththinum	Thank you for everything
Njaan ningalil abhimaanikkunnu	I'm proud of you
Enikku santhoshamaanu	I'm happy

Video Calls & Keeping in Touch

Say this (Malayalam)	It means
Ente shabdam kelkkunnundo?	Can you hear my voice?
Mukham kaananundo?	Can you see my face?
Pinne vilikkaam	I'll call again later
Ee aazhcha vilikkaam	I'll call this week
Photo ayakkaamo?	Can you send a photo?
Kuttikale kaanikkoo	Show me the kids

Festivals, Food & Home

Say this (Malayalam)	It means
Onam aashamsakal	Happy Onam
Vishu aashamsakal	Happy Vishu
Sadhya kemaayi	The feast was wonderful
Amma undaakkiya choru miss cheyyunnu	I miss the rice amma makes
Naadu miss cheyyunnu	I miss home (Kerala)
Adutha varsham varum	I'll come next year

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