

27 December 2020
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph Year B

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: The Family of Nazareth inspires us to imitate the virtues of holiness and piety. With this ideal before us, we ask the Lord to hear our prayers on this family day.

1. Let us pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Anthony, all bishops, priests and religious. May they allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit to show leadership in nurturing and protecting family life. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. Let us pray for government leaders. May they recognise the sanctity and value of the family modeled against the Holy Family and do their best to promote, support and celebrate it. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. Let us pray for the families in our congregation. That having received Christ, may all members be granted God's reconciling forgiveness so that peace will reign in their homes. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. Let us pray for those living the vocation of single life, especially priests and religious. May they see themselves as Christ sees them, vital members of the Church he founded who are welcomed, respected and loved. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. Let us pray for the family of the Church. That her members will see all men as God made them: in his image and likeness and thus treat every individual with dignity from conception to natural death. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Fr Janusz Bieniek, Sr Pauline Fitz-Walters, Chantelle Coutinho, May Seto, Joseph Park. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. Let us pray for the souls of our recently departed relatives and friends: Lourdes Odeng Zaballa, Jose Gregorio Gomes, Roberto Barroga, Maria Stella Falvo, Tonka Kuzir, Mehmet Rendle.

Pray for the souls of those whose death anniversary occurs about now: John the Baptist Mok, John Yuee Hing Chung, Lai Kwong Lee.

Pray also for the souls of Joseph George Sakr, Mary Sakr, Lambros Ahilas.

Priest: Father in heaven, by subjecting himself to Mary and Joseph, your Son sanctified home life at Nazareth. As we offer our prayers, help us to follow his example, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.