



# A FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work,  
may we reflect the self-giving love which you,  
O Father, eternally show with your Son  
and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns  
in our home and in the faith we profess and live.  
May our family always be a place of generosity,  
understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage  
to be witnesses to your eternal design for  
the family; and grant that the Holy Family  
of Nazareth may always guide our path  
to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
Amen.



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