

+ LITURGY FOR THE BLESSING OF FAMILIES +

• INTRODUCTORY PRAYER



IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN.

Dear Lord, you said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

Inspired by these words, we acknowledge your presence here and now. We invite you to be permanent member of our home, inspiring us to live lives worthy of you and your Gospel.

• BIBLE READING

We shall now listen attentively to the word of God and open our hearts to his divine message.

Scripture Text: Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1: 13:1-7

Reflection: *Do we experience love and sense of belonging in the family?*

WHAT IS THE QUALITY OF OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER?

Are we ready to share to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of other?

Are we ready to forgive the hurts we experience and make

ALLOWANCE FOR THE DEFECTS OF OTHER?

What are those blocks in us that we need to overcome in

ORDER TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS IN LOVE AND SERVICE?

What each one of us doing to build a happy home, a happy neighbourhood community?

(After a few moments of silent reflection, the head of the family recites the following prayer.)



• PRAYER

O God, our heavenly Father, we know that for you a Christian home is a sacred place. Bless our home, we pray, with the sprinkling of this holy water as sign of your special protection over us against the attacks of the Evil One.

May our home be a home of virtue. May there ever prevail the spirit of love, humility, goodness and peace. May gratitude to you be deep in our hearts and may it go out to those through whom you send us your gifts and blessings.

May there ever be in our home a sufficiency of earthly-blessings so that we may be able to live our lives in a manner worthy of human dignity. May we enjoy good health in mind and body and be able to carry out our earthly tasks and make our contribution to the wellbeing of others.

We ask you above all to bless us with the gift of charity so that imbued with its power we may be able to live with each other in peace and patient love, ever ready to forgive those who hurt us. Fill us with compassion for those around us who lack the necessities of life. May we as a family truly contribute to the building of the Church as a community by our love and service. Amen!

May the Risen Lord and God the Father with the Holy Spirit dwell in our heart, reign in our homes, fill us with peace and protect us from all harm. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen!

(Please sprinkle the Holy water in the house)