

General intercessions
The Feast of the Holy Family (C)

Celebrant:

God humbled himself to be born of a human family and sanctified family life forever. For the needs of our families and our world, we now pray.

Reader:

That we may faithfully yet sensitively witness to the institution of Marriage as being a complimentary union made by God between a man and a woman:

Lord, hear us ...

That governments may protect the institution of Marriage and offer assistance to families that are struggling to remain together,

Lord, hear us ...

That our families may always be sanctuaries of life, where all are welcomed as a gift rather than a burden:

Lord, hear us ...

That families marked by divorce, abuse, or alienation may seek and find the help of the Holy Family to bring them peace:

Lord, hear us ...

For an end to the Covid pandemic: that the virus may be subdued, the sick healed and strength given to all who care for them,

Lord, hear us ...

That our family members who are ill may enjoy the consolation of the Lord and the presence of their loved ones:

Lord, hear us ...

That our family members who have died may be welcomed into eternal life:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

Let us seek the help of the Mother of the Holy Family, as we say, *Hail, Mary...*

Father, we thank you for the gift of life and family. Answer all our prayers and bring all people into your family of grace. Through Christ our Lord.