

**General intercessions**  
*Feast of the Holy Family (B)*

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

**Reader**

That the many ministries of the Church may strengthen family life throughout the world:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That all governments may protect the institution of marriage, made by God as the union between one man and one woman:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That the family may become ever more the sanctuary of life, where all are welcomed as a gift rather than a burden:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That families burdened by divorce, abuse, or alienation may know the help of the Holy Family:

*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 prayers Mary, Mother of the Holy Family, *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.