

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 the many ministries of the Church may strengthen family life throughout the world, especially in the Holy Year ahead:

Lord, hear us ...

That 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, especially the unborn:

Lord, hear us ...

That families which have been marked by divorce, abuse, or alienation may come to find the grace and help of the Holy Family:

Lord, hear us ...

That our family members who are sick or suffering 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 Mary, Mother of God, 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. Amen.