

IDEAS FOR THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Ideas for the themes:

- For the Church, People of God
- For the Pope, priests, deacons
- For engaged couples
- For the more vulnerable families (division, illness, and grief)
- For the disabled
- For children
- New life
- Holiness in the family
- For our leaders

Some suggestions

- For the Church, so that throughout the world she may be able to proclaim and bear strong witness to the beauty of God's plan for the family and to value it as a gift and a vocation. *Let us pray...*
- For Pope Francis, for every priest and deacon, so that, together with families, they can build up the Church as a "big family," preserving it in unity and fraternal communion. *Let us pray...*
- For engaged couples, so that they may meet families in our community capable of bearing witness to them of the joy of love, experienced by virtue of Christ's presence in Christian marriages. *Let us pray...*
- For families who are going through great painful difficulties, that they may find concrete support in our community and never lose hope in You. *Let us pray...*
- For those who endure the fatigue of illness or the pain of grief, may our community families learn to support each other and know how to open up to give help and support to those in need. *Let us pray...*
- So that our community will always be able to find new ways in order that every person with disabilities may feel welcomed and find a prominent role within the Church. *Let us pray...*

- We pray to you, Lord, that every child in the world may have a family that welcomes him or her, makes him or her feel loved and gives him or her whatever is necessary to help him or her grow up happy and capable of love. Let us pray...
- We pray to you, Lord, for children who suffer from family breakups or who have been deprived of a family, that they may encounter a welcoming gaze encouraging them in life and teaching them hope.

Let us pray...

- We entrust all mothers to you, Lord, so that they may welcome and guard with care and courage every child that is born in their womb. Let us pray...
- We pray to you, Lord, that every family may feel called but also guided and supported by You on the path to holiness. *Let us pray...*
- We pray that in every country the leaders will make decisions capable of concretely supporting families, especially the poorest and most disadvantaged. *Let us pray...*