

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
**CYCLE A**  
**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest:** The family of Nazareth inspires us to imitate the virtues of holiness and piety. With this ideal before us, we ask The Lord to hear our prayers on this family day.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For the family of the Church, that we may give respect and dignity to all God's children, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For the family of people and nations, that the rights of the old and the young will be upheld for the sake of peace, justice and harmony, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For all our families, that those separated from their family circle will find a home with God's People, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For broken families, that God's reconciling forgiveness will be granted and accepted, to restore all relationships of love, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For our deceased relatives and friends, and all the departed, that they may be gathered into the eternal joy of their heavenly home, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Priest:** Father in heaven, by subjecting himself to Mary and Joseph, your Son sanctified home life in Nazareth. As we offer our prayers, help us to follow his example, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.