

February Prayers

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of February has been primarily associated with the holy Family, probably due to the feast of Our Lord's presentation at the temple, celebrated on February 2nd. At the very outset of Christ's work on earth, God showed the world a family in which, as Pope Leo XIII teaches, "all men might behold a perfect model of domestic life, and of all virtue and holiness." The harmony, unity, and holiness which characterized this holy Family make it the model for all Christian families.

INVOCATION

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph most kind,
Bless us now and in death's agony.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Thy Holy Family,
that in the hour of our death
Thy glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed Joseph may come to meet us
and we may be worthily received by Thee into everlasting dwellings:
who livest and reignest world without end.
Amen.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer,
who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example,
didst will to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and
Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth,
thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families,
graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day.
Do Thou defend us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear, true peace, and
concord in Christian love:
in order that, by conforming ourselves to the divine pattern of Thy family,
we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to eternal happiness.

Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us,
by thy kindly intercession
make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus,
and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary,
assist us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal necessities;
that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Saviour Jesus,
together with Mary and thee, for all eternity.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be, three times.



IN HONOUR OF THE HOLY FAMILY

O God, heavenly Father,
it was part of Thine eternal decree that Thine only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race,
should form a holy family with Mary, His blessed mother,
and His foster father, Saint Joseph.
In Nazareth home life was sanctified,
and a perfect example was given to every Christian family.
Grant, we beseech Thee,
that we may fully comprehend and faithfully imitate the virtues of the
Holy Family so that we may be united with them one day in their heavenly
glory.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.