

## PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY



*“When I think of Christian homes, I like to imagine them as being full of the light and joy that were in the home of the Holy Family.”*

- ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

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*O God our loving Father,*

*Creator of all things, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, into the home of Mary and Joseph forming the Holy Family of Nazareth; inspire us by their example to imitate their selfless charity in our family life.*

*Through the intercession of St. Josemaria, help our families to be united in the heart of Christ, enjoying a loving communion with each other, recognizing and upholding the sacredness of marriage, generously welcoming the gift of life, and valuing the inestimable gift of each family member.*

*Help us to dedicate ourselves in generous service to our families and to reflect the love that Christ had for Mary and Joseph, making our family a true domestic Church with Christ at its center.*

*Teach us to find Christ in the crosses that occur in family life and help us to find joy in them and unite them to him.*

*Watch over and protect our family so that each member will be faithful to the Gospel and never stray from the path of holiness. We ask you, through the intercession of St. Josemaria, to grant us the favor of (make your request). Amen.*

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we give our hearts and souls to you.*

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St. Josemaria Escriva, priest and founder of Opus Dei, proclaimed that everyone in the middle of the world is called to a daily encounter with Christ and to a life of holiness. His liturgical feast is celebrated on June 26. To learn more about St. Josemaria visit:

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