



**OUR FAITH.
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CHRIST THE KING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Week 2 – Our Family

Day 1 – Mother Teresa Prayer

A Prayer for the Family – Composed by St. Mother Teresa

Heavenly Father, you have given us the model
of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth.
Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another
Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign.
May it be deeply contemplative,
intensely Eucharistic, revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow
in family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of
our families, especially in their distressing disguise.
May the Eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts
humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties
in a holy way.

May we love one another as God loves each one of us,
more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults
as you forgive our sins. Help us, O Loving Father, to take
whatever you give and give whatever you take
with a big smile.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us. Holy Guardian Angels, be always
with us, guide and protect us.
Amen.

1. How can we make our families “another Nazareth?”
2. How is God calling us to see Jesus in each member of our family, especially those we may struggle to get along with?

Thank you, God, for the gift of our families!

Day 2¹ –

O dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant
Your special graces to our family.
May our home be the shrine of peace,
purity, love, labor and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus,
to protect and bless all of us,
absent and present, living and dead.
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purity, love, labor and faith.

O Mary, Loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother,
pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world,
to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools
of young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary,
assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life.
Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you,
to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick
and the dying, so that with Mary and with you,
heaven may find our family unbroken
in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

Day 3 - Last year, Dr. James Wack, a longtime member of our parish, passed away. At the services that followed, many of his 10 children described the daily rosary that their family prayed. Some mentioned how powerful it was. Some mentioned how they tried to kick each other during the prayers without getting caught. What was consistently clear, however, was that this brought the family together in prayer, and it was a beautiful thing to hear them talk about.

We will be following the lead of this family and will be praying a decade of the Rosary together each day for the next 5 days (but feel free to say a whole one each day if you would like!). Each day we will focus on one of the Joyful mysteries.

So, find a time and a space in your house to pray this together. Divvy up the prayers among your family, and jump on in!

Day 3 - The 1st Joyful Mystery

The Annunciation - Luke 1:26-38



May we seek to follow Mary's example of yes to God. She does not know where the path will lead, but she knows who is asking her to go down that path, and that it is enough for her. May it be enough for us.

- One- Our Father
- Ten- Hail Mary's
- One- Glory Be
- One- Fatima Prayer

*O my Jesus forgive us our sin, save us from
the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven
Especially those most in need of thy mercy.
Amen*

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Day 4 – Second Joyful Mystery

– *The Visitation – Luke 1: 39-56*

In their moments of need, Mary and Elizabeth come together to help each other. They form a spiritual friendship, bonding over their similar calls from God. Who do we have in our lives that we can lean on in both our biological and our spiritual friendships?

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Day 5 – Third Joyful Mystery

The Nativity – Luke 2: 4-7

In the dark of night, amongst animals, our Lord was born. Other than a few shepherds and magi, the rest of the world took no notice. Where in our lives is God present, and we take no notice? May God give us the grace to notice these moments.

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Amen*



Day 6 – The Fourth Joyful Mystery

– *The Presentation – Luke 2: 22-38*

While Mary presents Jesus in the temple, she is told both that her son is the Messiah, and also that she herself would be pierced by the sword as a result of Jesus's time on earth. Mary perfectly follows God, yet even her loving heart experienced loss and pain. Why must we also experience loss and pain? Why does God give us wondrous gifts in our lives that we ultimately have to give up? Let us bring these worries, this pain and loss, to Mary, and ask her to help us accept them even if we cannot comprehend them.

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Day 7 – The Fifth Joyful Mystery

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple – Luke 2: 41-52

After finding the boy Jesus in the temple Scripture states that Jesus was obedient to His parents and that Mary "kept all these things in her heart." When confronted with any situation (difficulty, happiness, etc.) Mary responds with quiet reflection and contemplation on God's call. May all of our families be places where this can foster and grow. May we, not just individually but also as a family, consider in our hearts how God is calling us.

- One- Our Father
- Ten- Hail Mary's
- One- Glory Be
- One- Fatima Prayer

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