

**General intercessions**  
The Feast of the Holy Family (A)

**Celebrant:**

God humbled himself to be born of a human family and sanctified family life forever. Thus, we now pray.

**Reader:**

That the many ministries of the Church may strengthen family life throughout the world:

Lord, hear us ...

That society may recognise the unique place of the institution of marriage, made by God as the complimentary union between a man and a woman:

Lord, hear us ...

That the family may always be the sanctuary of life, where all are welcomed as a gift rather than a burden:

Lord, hear us ...

That families divided by divorce, hurt or alienation may come to find peace and acceptance of one another:

Lord, hear us ...

That our family members who are sick or suffering may enjoy the consolation of the Lord and the presence of their loved ones:

Lord, hear us ...

That all who have died may be welcomed into the eternal life of the family of God:

Lord, hear us ...

**Celebrant:**

Let us seek the help of Mary, Mother of God: *Hail, Mary...*

Father, we thank you for the gift of life and family. Answer all our prayers and bring all people into your family of grace. Through Christ our Lord.