

## **Feast of the Holy Family**

### **Celebrant:**

In Baptism we are all made daughters and sons of the Father and so with confidence in his great love for us we turn to him with our prayer.

For all mothers and fathers: help them to love one another selflessly, and by their example guide their family in the ways of faith, truth, love. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for grandparents, guardians, foster-parents and for all who support families; may dedication and care offer shelter, stability and encouragement, . **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for families whose home life fragmented or whose marriages have proved unhappy. May their hurt and pain be eased and their lives not over shadowed by resentment and bitterness. **Lord, hear us.**

For families who have fled their country in fear and are now in exile. Heal the trauma or their ordeal. May they find a place of welcome among us, put down roots and contribute to the wellbeing of the communities in which they live. **Lord. Hear us.**

In thanksgiving for the gift of our families; may we strive to love those with whom we live, practice the virtues of harmony and peace, and treasure the support of family. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for families who are homeless, those evicted from their homes, those living on the streets, those in emergency or sheltered accommodation. Assist those in positions of responsibility in providing resources and adequate housing. **Lord, hear us.**

For healing in families which are divided by hate, fear, envy or suspicion. With the help of God's grace may the wounds of division be healed and families reconciled. **Lord, hear us.**

For families living in violent or abusive situations: that that violence and abuse end, that peace will pitch its tent in their midst and that pathways to healing will open. **Lord, hear us.**

For family members who have died. May they rest in the sleep of peace until that final day of Resurrection. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Heavenly Father, make us loyal and true followers of Christ, our Saviour. Amid the complexities of life, may we draw courage from Him who has overcome the world and now reigns with you, for ever and ever. **Amen**