

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PRESIDER

Dear friends, from an early age Jesus set himself to do God's work. Let us join him in spirit and pray for God's will to be done in our world.

READER

We pray for families, that in all their diversity they will share in the same blessings of love, wisdom and life in abundance. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for national leaders, that they will promote social policies and fund support systems that allow families to flourish. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all who bear grief or regret in their hearts, that the dawn of a new year will offer them healing and hope. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for young adults setting out in life, that they will give prayerful consideration to choosing a life of Christian service. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for holiday-makers and travellers, that they will enjoy a refreshing break and return home safe and well. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those who have died recently, those who have died this year, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be welcomed with joy into the communion of saints. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRESIDER

God of all ages, in the fulness of time you sent your Son to be born among us and grow up in a human family. Open our eyes to see him as our Emmanuel, God-ever-with-us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.