

**PRESIDER**

Dear friends, in the fulness of time the eternal Son of God was born into a human family. United with him, let us pray for our sisters and brothers all around the world.

**READER**

We pray for families in their many different forms, that parents and guardians will establish a climate of love for children to grow and thrive. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the June 2022 World Meeting of families in Rome, that, in response to the call of Pope Francis, dioceses across the world would celebrate and affirm family life as a call to holiness. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the parents of children with special needs, that they will receive the support they need to meet the challenge of daily care. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for families afflicted with violence, division and betrayal, that by God's grace they will be led to reconciliation and new life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for families embarking on summer holidays, that they will travel safely and enjoy a time of rest and renewal. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will see God face to face and live in peace forever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Loving God and Father of Jesus, you entrusted your Son to Mary and Joseph. Help to grow in grace and wisdom as he did in their care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.