

Official prayer for the X World Meeting of Families, 22-26 June 2022:

Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness

Heavenly Father, we come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of our family. We pray to You for our family consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May we rediscover each day the grace we have received, and as a small domestic Church, may we know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.

We also pray to You for our family when we are faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know.

Sustain us and make us aware of the path to holiness upon which You call us, so that we might experience Your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to You for our children (our grown-up children) and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them.

We pray for our grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world.

Lord, grant that we might live our specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.