

Prayers for Families

For fathers and father figures

St Joseph, you were a loving and accepting father to Jesus whom God entrusted to you. Pray for all fathers and father figures to help them to love and protect the children in their care. Support them to face up to difficulties and challenges with patience and courage.

For mothers and mother figures

Mother Mary, you showed such a wonderful depth of love and commitment to your son Jesus. Pray for all mothers and mother figures. Help them to love and protect the children in their care with the same steadfastness that you showed to Jesus. Be with them through all the ups and downs of family life and as they guide their children to become caring and responsible adults.

For children

Dear Lord, bless all children with the opportunities to express their gifts and talents that they might be fulfilled in their endeavours. Help them to feel the power of your love in their lives so that they may be loving and respectful to everyone they encounter. Help them to face life's challenges secure in Your love and the love of those around them.

For parents

Dear Lord, help parents to share their love and encouragement fully with each other and with their children to create harmony and mutual respect in the home. At times of hurt, sadness or challenge, give parents the courage to place their trust in Your transforming power of healing, to respect each other's God-given wisdom and resolve discord in mutual acknowledgment.