



Prayer in the Home for Christmas 2020



Prayer at the Crib

Heavenly Father, as we wonder and hesitate to believe, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, fill our hearts with joy, as we recognise in this helpless babe the revelation of your love, a new radiant vision of your glory.

Filled with wonder at the nearness of our God in Mary's newborn child, may we now offer him our praise, worship and thanksgiving and give him the love and loyalty of our hearts. Amen

Christmas Table Prayer

Loving God, on this Christmas day we give thanks that Jesus, your Son, has come into our world bringing us gifts of peace and joy.

Bless us as we sit down together for our Christmas meal. Bless the food we share and help us to remember those who are hungry.

Be with our neighbours and our friends, those who are lonely, sick or away from home.

We pray that our departed loved ones may sit now at your table in heaven.

May the joy of this feast give us strength and light, now and in the days ahead. Amen.



Bless us, O God, as we sit together.

Bless the food we eat today.

Bless the hands that made the food.

Bless us, O God.

Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*

