

# WORLDWIDE PRAYER PROJECT OF ICCFM



**International Confederation of  
Christian Family Movements**

## **PREFACE**

One key realization of participants during the VII World Assembly of Families in Santa Clara, California USA last 2004 was the apparent futility to counteract the assaults on families in the world today at the human level alone, and that we need God's intervention to protect the family and its Christian values. It was therefore resolved that CFMers in solidarity with one another, pray for their own families, for others and for the world.

The Worldwide Prayer Project of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements or ICCFM is a 24-hour prayer chain to be participated in by CFM families worldwide. The suggested time slot for praying is immediately before or after dinner, or approximately 1800H to 2000H (6:00 to 8:00 P.M.) in their respective time zones. For each month there is one prayer for a

specific group sector. There are therefore 12 prayers for 12 target sectors for the entire year. These 12 prayers are contained in this booklet. A prayer for the CFM Organization is included.

The prayers were mostly compiled or adopted from variety of sources. It is not possible to acknowledge their authorship or even their original sources.

It is strongly suggested that CFM country organizations translate the prayers into their own country languages. They may even choose to formulate entirely new ones, but following the monthly themes.

The ICCFM encourages all member countries to participate starting January 1, 2006.

We invoke the blessings of the Holy Family in this endeavor.

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| Daily        | For the Whole Year                                | CFM                  |
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| <i>MONTH</i> | <i>LITURGICAL FEAST</i>                           | <i>TARGET GROUP</i>  |
| January      | ❖ Motherhood of Mary<br>❖ Holy Infant / Sto. Niño | Children             |
| February     | ❖ Our Lady of Lourdes                             | The Sick             |
| March        | ❖ St. Joseph<br>❖ Annunciation                    | The Poor             |
| April        | ❖ St. Mark The Evangelist                         | Single<br>Parents    |
| May          | ❖ Our Lady of Fatima                              | Mothers              |
| June         | ❖ Sacred Heart                                    | Fathers              |
| July         | ❖ St. Joachim & St. Anne                          | Elderly              |
| August       | ❖ Triumph of the Cross<br>❖ Assumption of Mary    | Vocation             |
| September    | ❖ Birthday of the Blessed<br>Virgin Mary          | Others               |
| October      | ❖ Holy Rosary                                     | Country              |
| November     | ❖ Solemnity of All Saints                         | Souls of<br>the Dead |
| December     | ❖ Holy Family                                     | Family               |

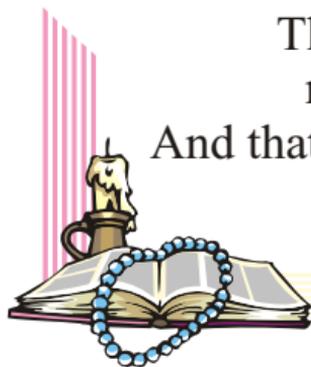
*Prayer for*

# **The Christian Family Movement**

O Holy Trinity,  
You are a family.  
We believe you wish  
our families to reflect  
Your heavenly community.

Jesus has called us  
to family ministry,  
And asked His heavenly Father  
Not to take us from the world,  
But deliver us from evil.

And so we pray for the  
**Christian Family Movement,**  
That present members  
may grow in grace,  
And that new families may join us.



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Through good example and prayer,  
May our homes become that,  
Which You desire them to be;  
True domestic churches,  
Temples of Your glory,  
And schools of humanity,  
Ushering in the reign of God.

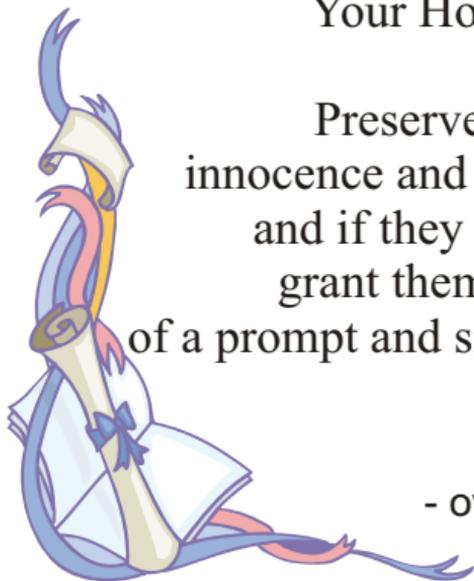


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**Children**

Jesus, lover of children,  
Bestow Your most precious grace on those  
whom You have confided to our care.  
Increase in them faith, hope, and charity.

May Your love lead them  
to solid piety, inspiring them  
with dread of sin,  
love of work, and an ardent desire  
of worthily approaching  
Your Holy Table.

Preserve in them  
innocence and purity of heart;  
and if they offend You,  
grant them the grace  
of a prompt and sincere repentance.



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From Your tabernacle  
watch over them by day and night;  
protect them in all their ways.

Grant that they may acquire the knowledge  
that they need to embrace the state of life  
to which You have called them.

Grant us and our children consolation  
on earth and eternal reward in heaven.

Amen.



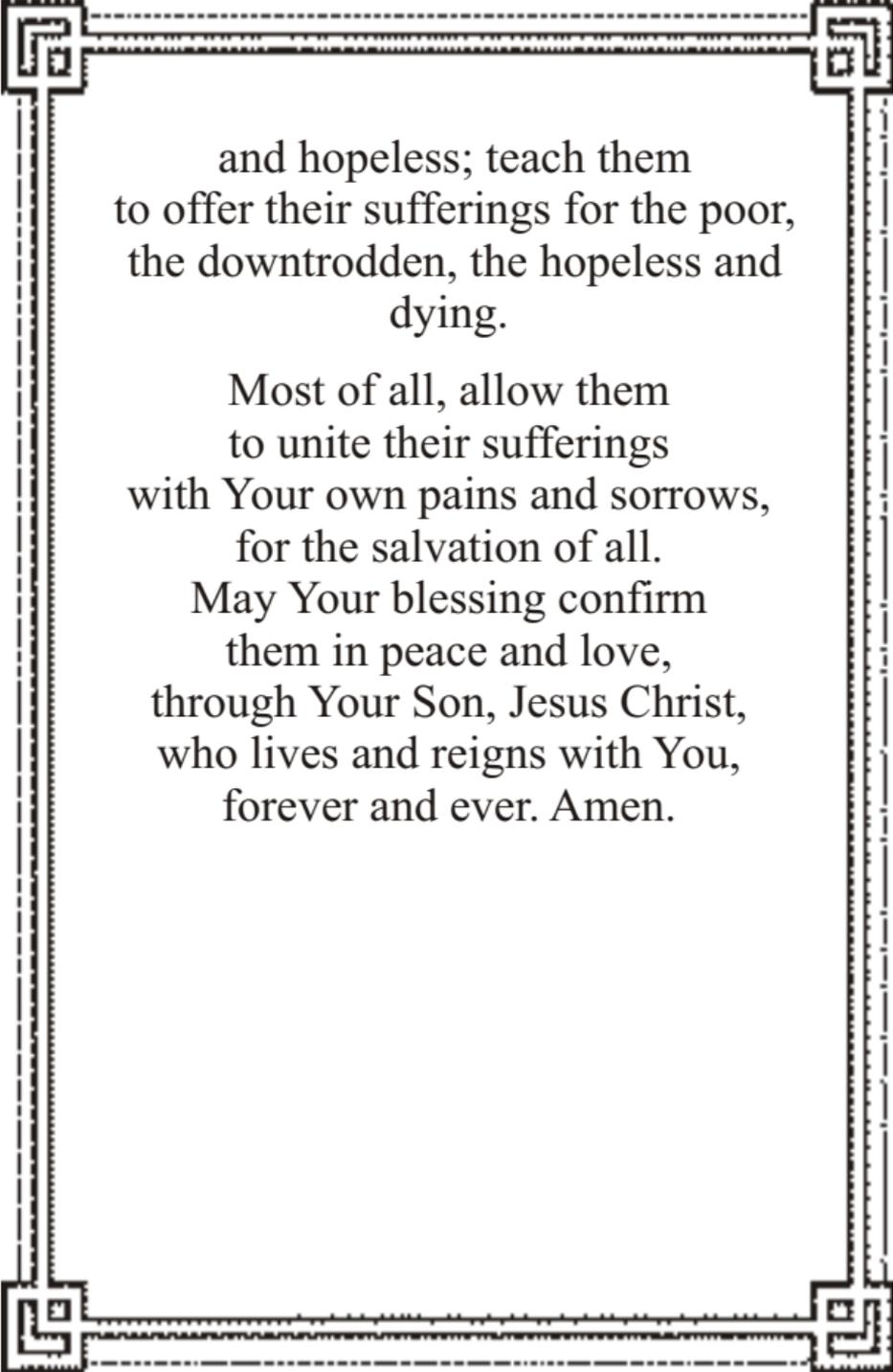
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**The Sick**

O God of mercy,  
hear our prayer  
that your servants  
who are sick  
may soon be restored  
to full health.

Lord You have restored  
the health of so many people;  
the lame, the blind, the deaf...  
Cure them through the skill  
and dedication  
of the people who take care  
of them.

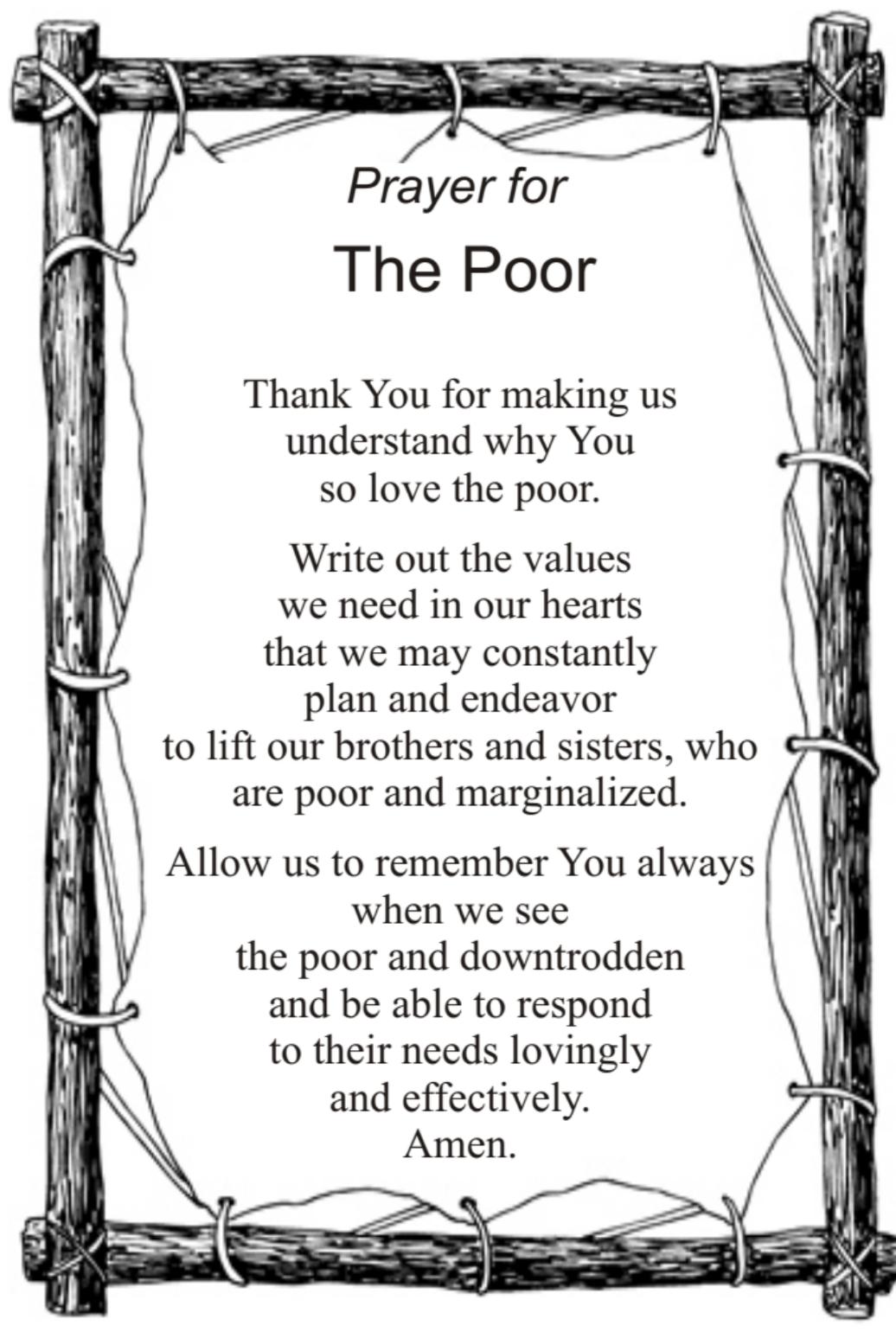
Strengthen them  
that in their illness  
they may not be discouraged

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and hopeless; teach them  
to offer their sufferings for the poor,  
the downtrodden, the hopeless and  
dying.

Most of all, allow them  
to unite their sufferings  
with Your own pains and sorrows,  
for the salvation of all.  
May Your blessing confirm  
them in peace and love,  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with You,  
forever and ever. Amen.



*Prayer for*  
**The Poor**

Thank You for making us  
understand why You  
so love the poor.

Write out the values  
we need in our hearts  
that we may constantly  
plan and endeavor  
to lift our brothers and sisters, who  
are poor and marginalized.

Allow us to remember You always  
when we see  
the poor and downtrodden  
and be able to respond  
to their needs lovingly  
and effectively.

Amen.

## *Prayer for* **Mothers**

Father in Heaven,  
grant to all mothers  
the grace to appreciate the dignity which  
You have conferred on them.  
Let them realize that not even  
the angels have been blessed  
by such a privilege -  
to share in Your creative miracle  
and bring new saints to Heaven.

Make them good mothers  
to all their children  
after the example of Mary,  
the Mother of Your Son.

Make them realize  
that they are images of  
God's unconditional love  
and as such help their children  
experience God in many ways.



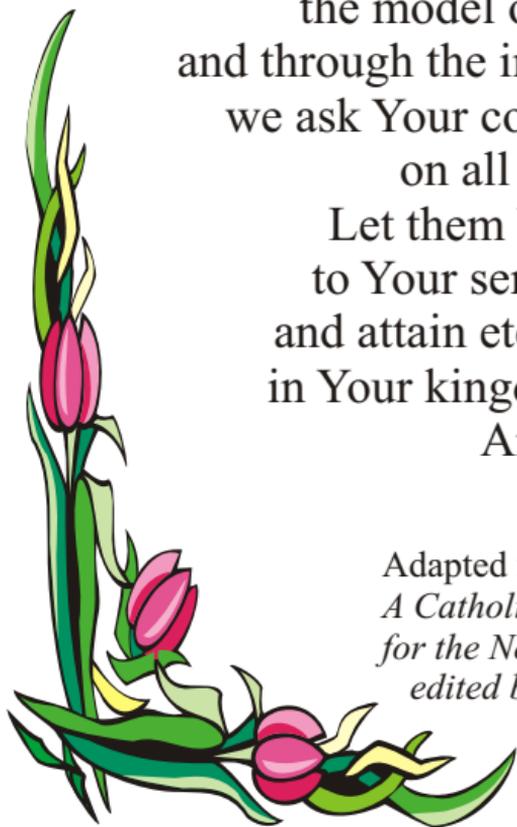
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Grant them good health,  
peace of mind  
and courage to face frustrations  
and tricks and find joy  
in their successes and triumphs.  
May the love of their husbands  
and children be their source  
of comfort and strength.

We consecrate all mothers  
to Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
the model of all mothers,  
and through the intercession of Jesus,  
we ask Your continued blessings  
on all mothers.

Let them be dedicated  
to Your service on earth  
and attain eternal happiness  
in Your kingdom in Heaven.  
Amen.

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for the New Millennium*  
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*Prayer for*  
**Single Parents**

O Lord of single parents  
and children  
with a parent missing,  
hold those of your loved ones  
close to you.

Guide them as they search  
you out in the midst  
of child care, school,  
and every day scheduling problems of  
being  
a single parent or child.

Bless them so they  
find time alone  
and time together,  
protecting and enveloping them.

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May their loneliness and fear  
be turned into a deeper closeness  
with each other and with you,  
and may they find light  
in all their darkness.

And may all the problems  
that surround them,  
whether they be personal, emotional,  
financial, spiritual,  
be as an offering to you  
that they may be  
lifted up even as you are above us.

And may they find the  
wholeness they seek,  
the wholeness of the family,  
in you, now and forever.

Amen.



## *Prayer for*

# **Fathers**

Heavenly Father,  
You have been pleased  
to be called by the name  
that is Yours from all eternity.

Help all fathers be worthy  
of that name.

May they always be  
for their children  
a source of life -  
corporal, intellectual and spiritual.

Enable the fathers  
to contribute in great part  
to their children's physical growth  
by their work,  
to their children's mental advancement by good  
schooling  
and to their supernatural life  
by their father's prayer and example,  
so that they may become complete human  
beings and true children

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of their Heavenly Father.  
Let the Fathers be conscious  
that their actions are far from  
important than their words.

May the fathers always give  
to their children a good example  
in all the situations in life.

May they wear their successes modestly, and  
may their  
failures find them undaunted.

May they be temperate  
in the time of joy  
and steadfast in time of sorrow.

May they remain humble  
after doing good  
and contrite after doing evil.

Above all, may they scrupulously respect their  
children's rights  
as human persons  
and their freedom

to follow rightly formed conscience, while at  
the same time  
fulfilling their duty  
to guide them in the way  
given them by Your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

*Prayer for*  
**The Elderly**

Lord, we lift up to You  
our elderly brothers and sisters.  
Take care of them and give them  
enough time to be witnesses  
of Your love  
through their own loving ways.

Help them to accept  
that the onset of old age  
comes from You and it is also  
a way of going back to You.

In the midst of the changes  
that are happening to them  
physically and  
emotionally,  
make them strong in their  
faith  
and trust in You

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so that they may not  
succumb to hopelessness and self-pity.

Teach them to accept and understand  
those around them so that  
in spite of their advanced years,  
they may still be instruments  
of unity and strength of their family.

Lord, give them a chance  
to be more concerned with the welfare  
of others, instead of their own.

Take them by the hand  
and accompany them  
in their journey towards  
Your glorious Kingdom  
where there will be  
no more tears and fears,  
aches and pains,  
just love and contentment  
in the warmth of Your embrace.

Amen.

# *Prayer for* **Vocations**

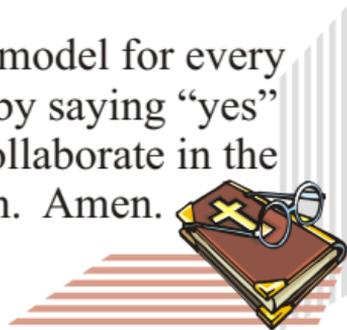
Lord Jesus, just as one day You called the first disciples to make them fishers of men and women, so also today, continue to make resound Your sweet invitation: “Come, follow Me.” Give to young men and women the grace to respond readily to Your voice.

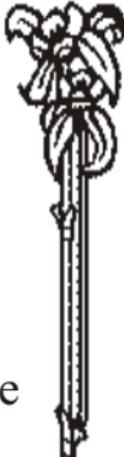
Sustain our bishops, priests, and consecrated persons in their apostolic labors. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are realizing an ideal of life totally consecrated to Your service.

Awaken in our communities the missionary endeavor, Lord. Send laborers into Your harvest and do not allow humanity to lose its way for a lack of pastors, missionaries, and people vowed to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, model for every vocation, help us to respond by saying “yes” to the Lord who calls us to collaborate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

Pope John Paul II





*Prayer for*  
**Others**

O God of mercy, who dost hear our prayers for others: We plead for those who are lonely. Through new associations and activities give them such consolation as may be needful.

We entreat thee on behalf of those who feel discouraged or disappointed; restore courage, hope, and conviction to them, whereby they may have newness of life.

We implore thy mercy upon those who bring thee a sensitive understanding of their unworthiness; give to them such assurance of thy forgiving love that they may be confident of thy fatherly care.

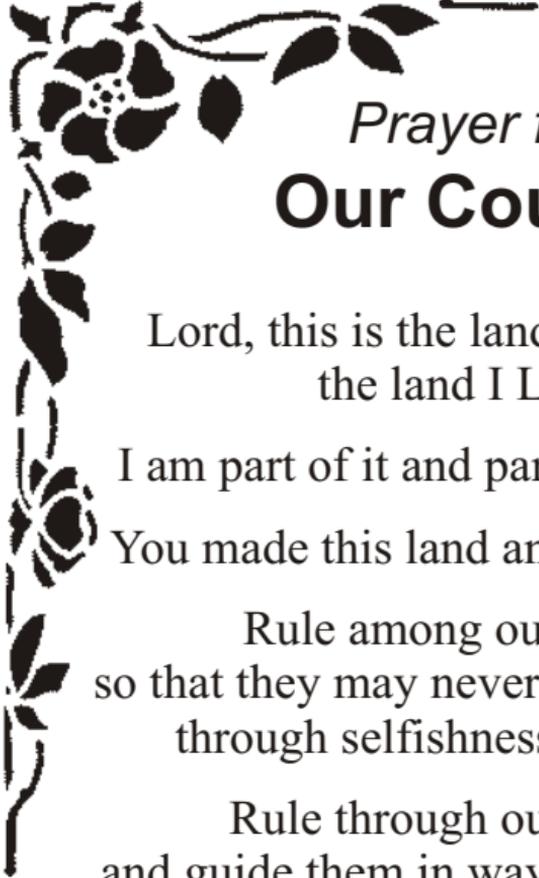
We beseech thee to comfort those who



are ill. By the knowledge that all things work together for the good to those who love thee, assure them that thou wilt enable them to await thy healing with patience; thy peace with hope; thy house of many mansions with faith.

We entreat thee to give strength and guidance to those who are seriously working for the welfare of their country; but most of all grant thy Spirit to them, that they may work and labor wisely for the realities which abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





*Prayer for*  
**Our Country**

Lord, this is the land of my birth,  
the land I Love.

I am part of it and part of its people.  
You made this land and gave it to us.

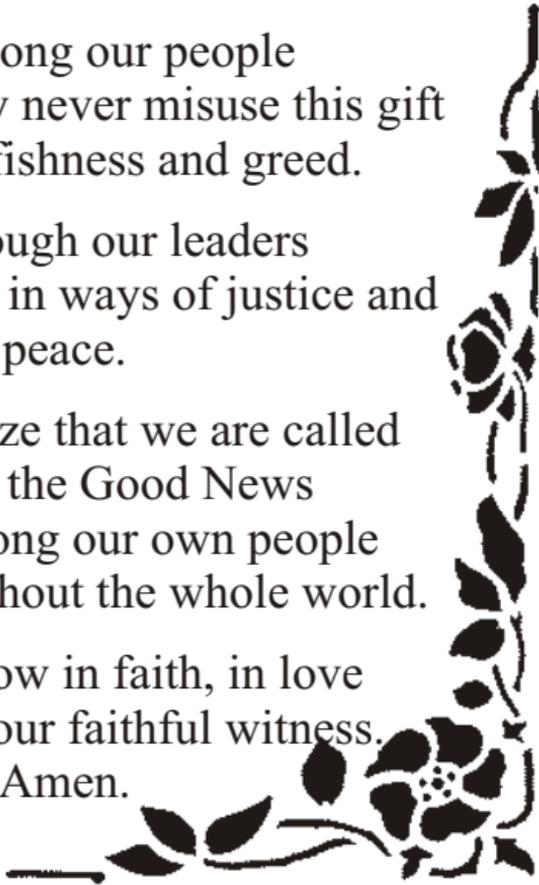
Rule among our people  
so that they may never misuse this gift  
through selfishness and greed.

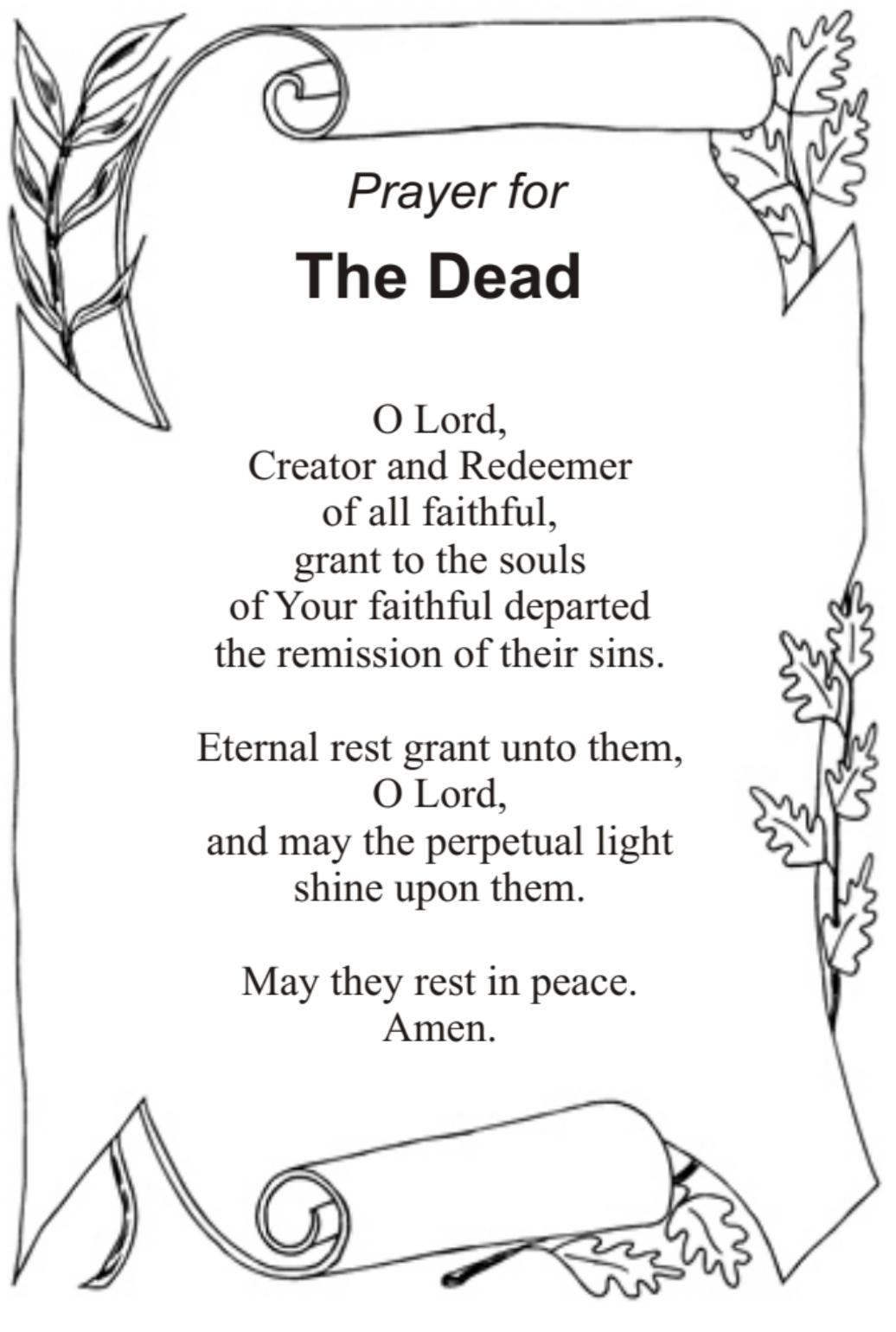
Rule through our leaders  
and guide them in ways of justice and  
peace.

Make us realize that we are called  
to spread the Good News  
not only among our own people  
but also throughout the whole world.

So let us grow in faith, in love  
to become Your faithful witness.

Amen.





*Prayer for*  
**The Dead**

O Lord,  
Creator and Redeemer  
of all faithful,  
grant to the souls  
of Your faithful departed  
the remission of their sins.

Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord,  
and may the perpetual light  
shine upon them.

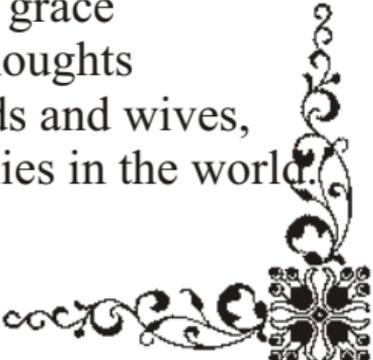
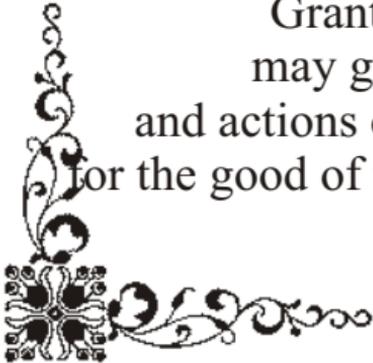
May they rest in peace.  
Amen.



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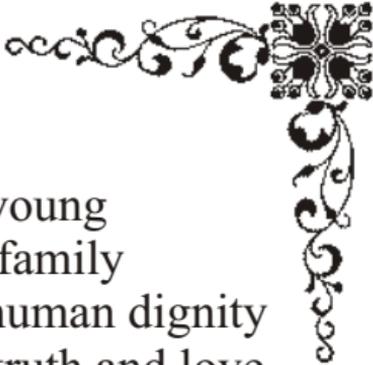
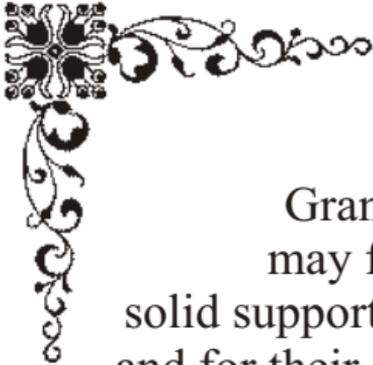
## **The Family**

Heavenly Father,  
you are Love and Life.  
From you, every family in heaven  
and on earth take its name.  
Through Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
born of a woman,  
and through the Holy Spirit,  
Source of divine love,  
grant that every family on earth  
may become for  
each successive generation,  
a true home of life and love.



Grant that Your grace  
may guide the thoughts  
and actions of husbands and wives,  
for the good of their families in the world.

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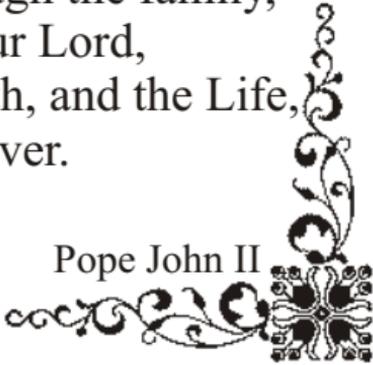
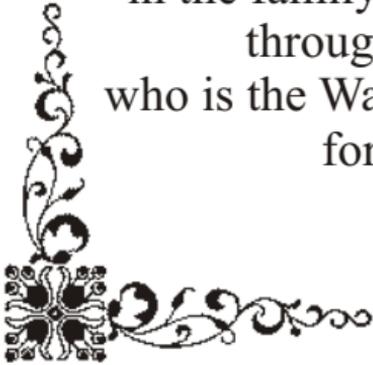


Grant that the young  
may find in the family  
solid support for their human dignity  
and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love,  
strengthened by the grace  
of the sacrament of marriage,  
may provide mightier than all the  
weakness and trials through which our  
families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession  
of the Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that the Church may fruitfully  
carry out Her worldwide mission  
in the family, and through the family,  
through Christ our Lord,  
who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life,  
forever and ever.

Amen.



Pope John II