

Year A – The First Sunday after Christmas

Brothers and sisters, God humbled Himself and became part of the human family and thereby sanctified family life forever. Let us now pray for the needs of our families and for those of the whole world.

That the Church may be continually obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That Christian families may glorify God in their homes and be faithful witnesses of Him to their neighbors.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That governments may protect the institution of marriage, designed by God as the union between one man and one woman.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That families torn apart by divorce, mistrust, abuse or fear may be healed and reconciled to one another through Christ who is able to restore all things.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That mothers and fathers, like Mary and Joseph, may live out their God given responsibilities to their families and their communities.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That children may be valued as treasured gifts from God.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For our own special intentions. **(Pause)**

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God of love, You sent Your Son to become fully human and to walk as one of us. Hear our prayer and give us the grace to follow in His steps. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.