



We bless your name, O Lord,  
for sending your own incarnate Son,  
to become part of the Holy Family,  
so that he would experience  
the worries and joys of family life.

As we walk alongside the families  
you have entrusted to our care,  
teach us, Lord, to enter into  
these same worries and joys  
with wholehearted and humble hope.

Like St. Joseph,  
may we build your kingdom within our homes.  
Like the Blessed Virgin,  
may we bear Christ to the world.  
Like the Holy Family,  
may we both model and foster  
life with Christ at the center.

We ask you, Lord,  
to protect and watch over  
all the families in our community,  
so that in the strength of your grace  
the efforts of your Church  
will bring forth plentiful and lasting fruit:  
generations of missionary disciples  
whose very lives testify to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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