

## Marriage and Family Sunday

Intercessions | 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009

*(Note: The intercessions pick up on themes from the brochure 'God, Marriage and the Eucharist: One and the Same Love')*

*Priest:* God our Father; on this day when we celebrate Marriage and Family Sunday, we come to ask for your blessing upon all families and all those who have embraced the sacred vocation of marriage.

Let us pray for the Church.

That the Universal Church will be a model of truth and genuine love that each family can imitate as the Domestic Church.

We Pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for government.

That civil authority will not forget that marriage and family form the basis of a strong and healthy society and that they will always support this important social institution.

We Pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for married couples.

That all married couples will live out each day the vows they made at their wedding; to love with a love that is free, total, faithful and fruitful.

We Pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for those whose marriages and families are separated.

That those who suffer the pains of separation will find in the Lord a helper and strength. May they see in the crucified Christ that love for which their hearts long.

We Pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for this parish community.

That each of us will be able to love more rightly and become more like Christ through worthy and regular reception of the Lord's Body and Blood.

We Pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for the deceased.

That those who have died will swiftly be brought into the joys of heaven with all the angels and saints.

We Pray to the Lord.

*Priest:* Father we know that from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. We come to you with our intentions for marriage and the family. Hear our prayers and answer them in accordance with your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.