

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

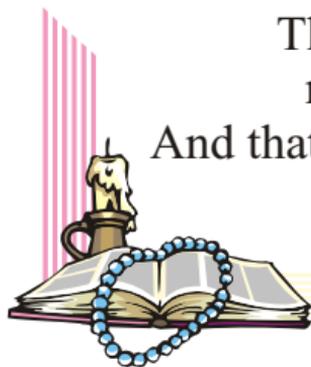
Prayer for

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.

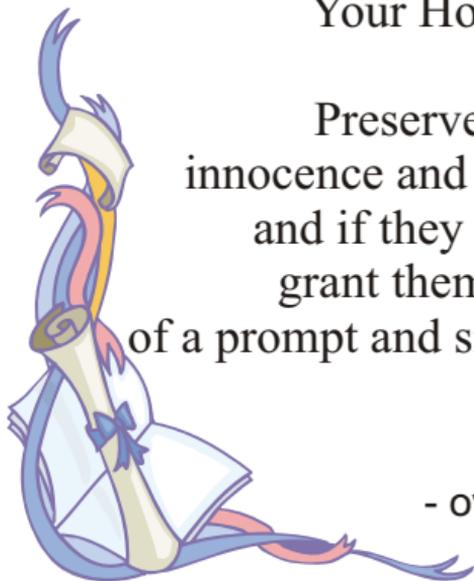


Prayer for
Children

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.



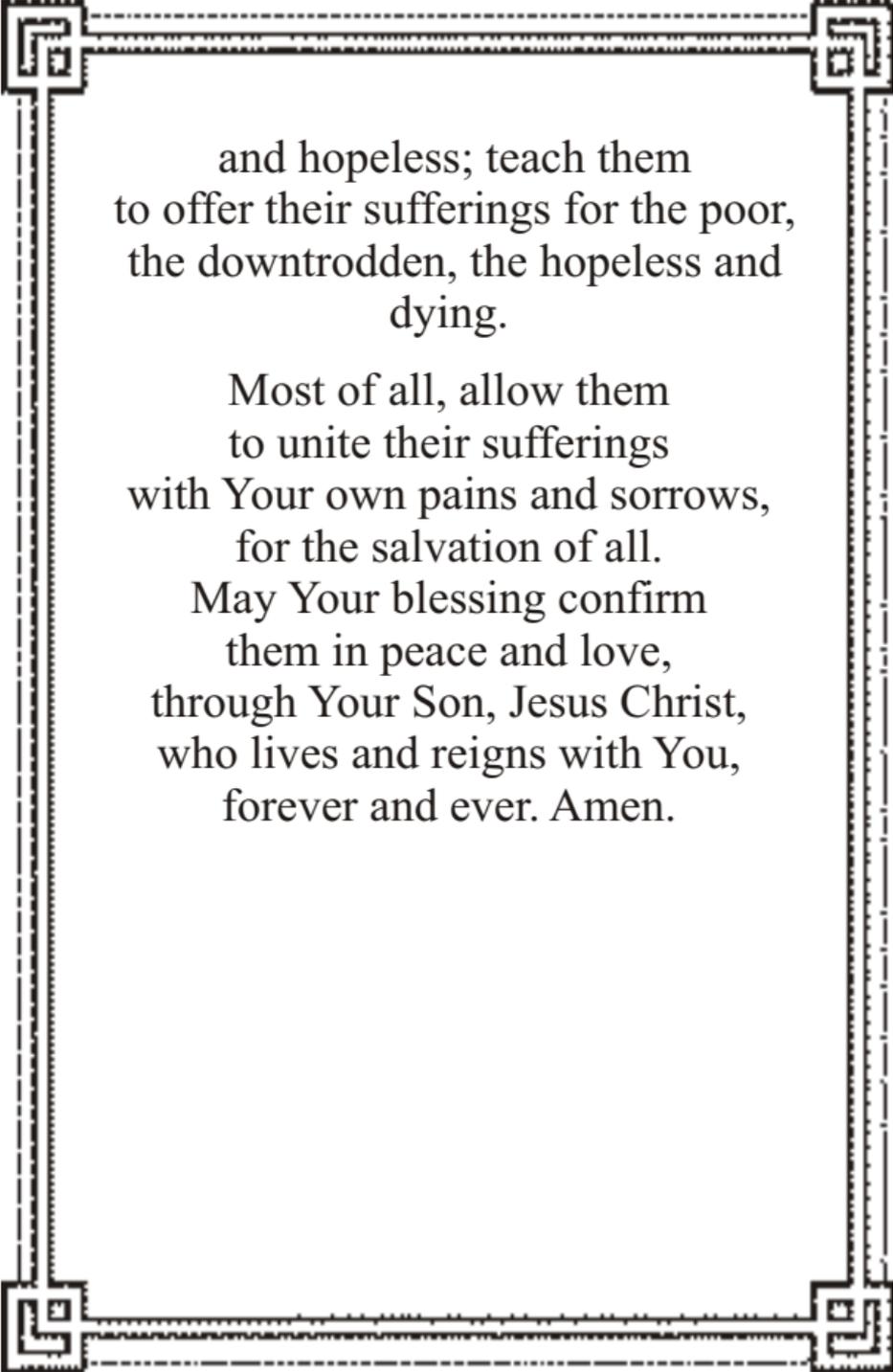
Prayer for
The Sick

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.

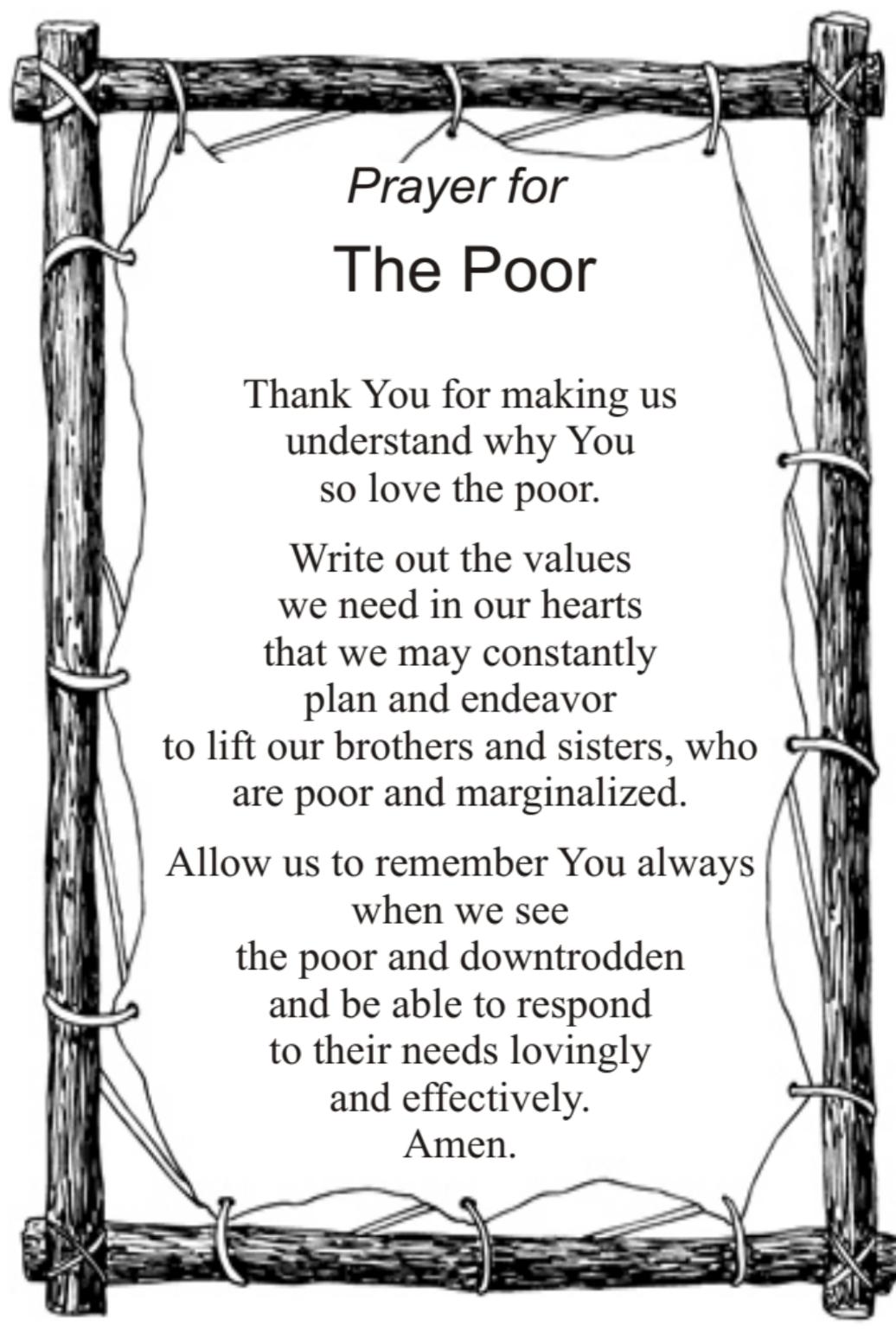
Strengthen them
that in their illness
they may not be discouraged

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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.



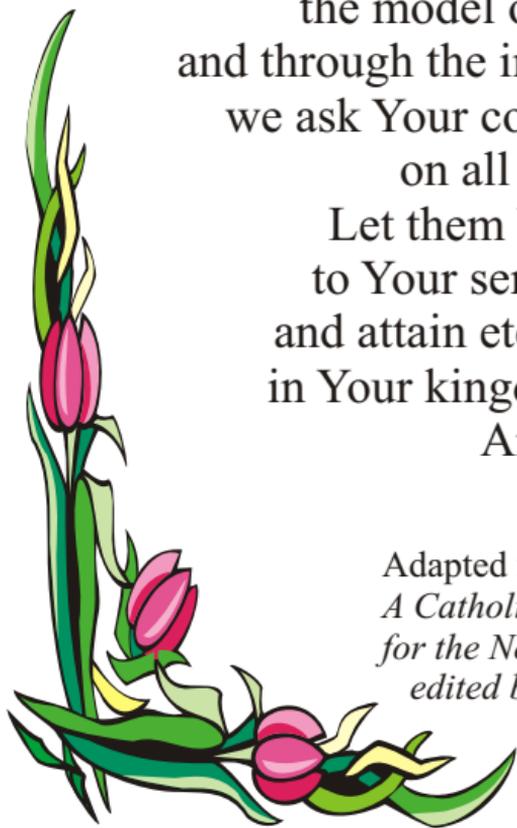
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Grant them good health,
peace of mind
and courage to face frustrations
and tricks and find joy
in their successes and triumphs.
May the love of their husbands
and children be their source
of comfort and strength.

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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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.

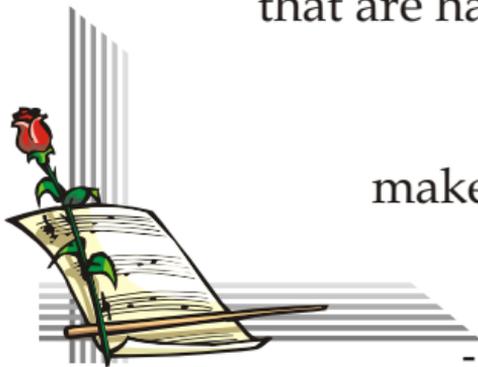
Prayer for
The Elderly

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**

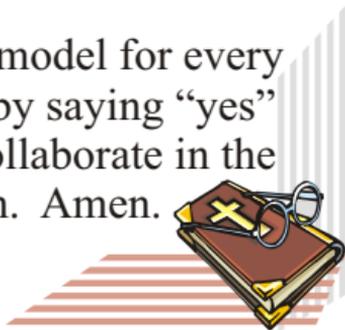
Lord Jesus, just as one day You called the first disciples to make them fishers of men and women, so also today, continue to make resound Your sweet invitation: “Come, follow Me.” Give to young men and women the grace to respond readily to Your voice.

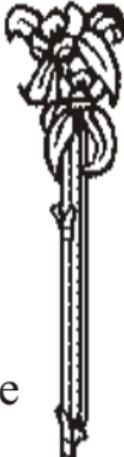
Sustain our bishops, priests, and consecrated persons in their apostolic labors. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are realizing an ideal of life totally consecrated to Your service.

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.

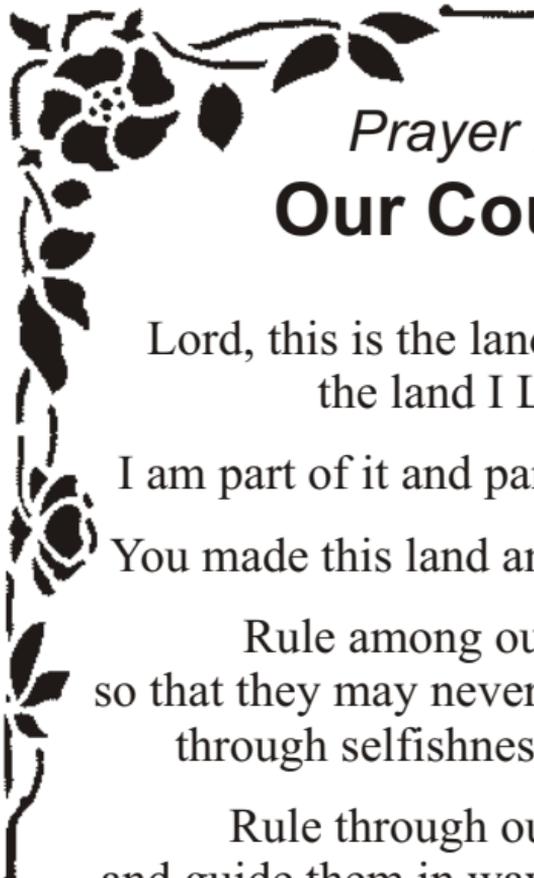
We beseech thee to comfort those who



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.

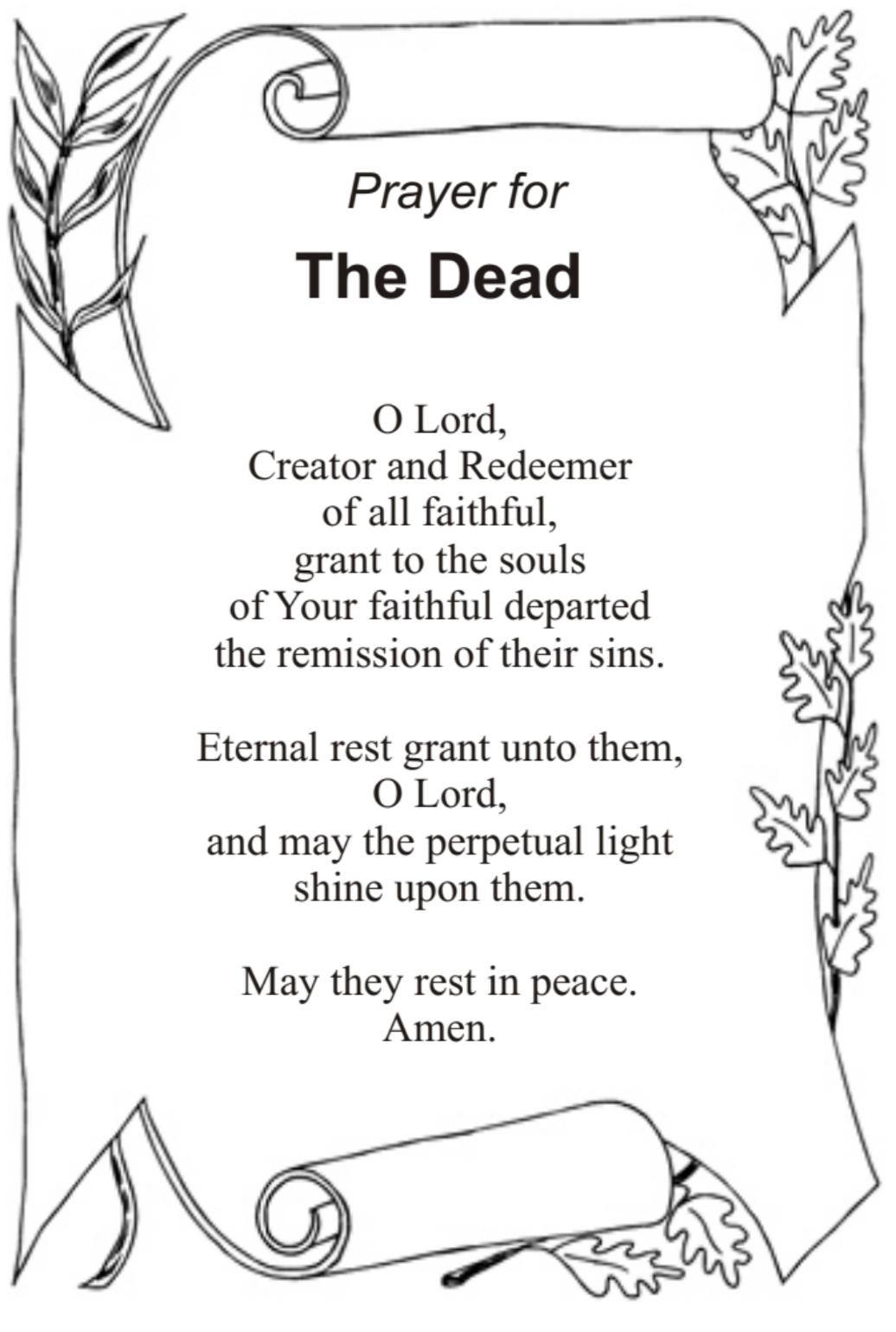
Rule through our leaders
and guide them in ways of justice and
peace.

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.



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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.

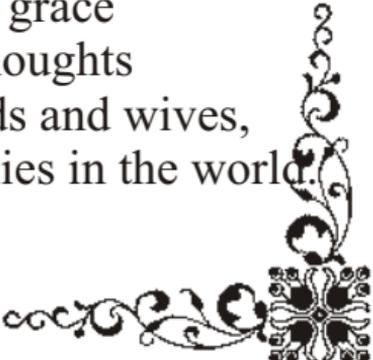
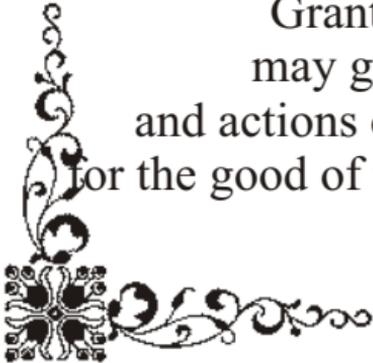
May they rest in peace.
Amen.



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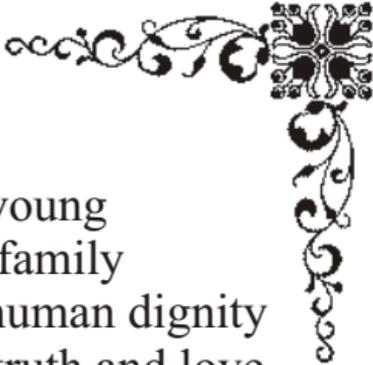
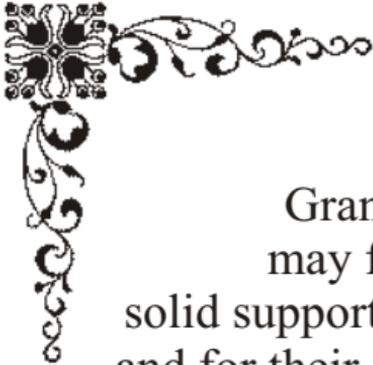
The Family

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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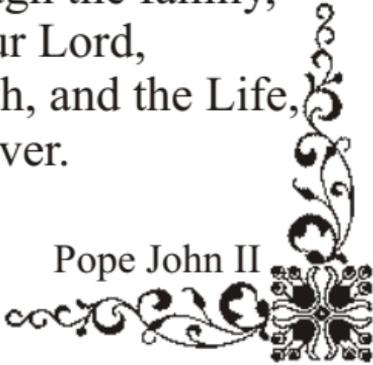
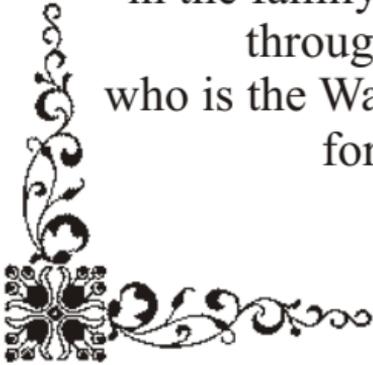


Grant that the young
may find in the family
solid support for their human dignity
and for their growth in truth and love.

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