

FAMILY PRAYER SERVICE OUTSIDE OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

After the family has assembled all stand.

Greeting

One family member leads the service by beginning with the sign of the cross: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Beloved family,
the Lord invites us to share in the goodness of Christ:
bless him for his goodness.**

Family responds: **Blessed be God for ever.**

PENITENTIAL RITE

The leader invites the family to recall their sins and to repent of them in these words:

**Beloved family,
to prepare ourselves for this celebration,
let us call to mind our sins.**

A pause for silent reflection follows.

All:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers (and sisters),
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

They strike their breast, and say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The leader concludes;

**May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.**

All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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1st Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Reading

Leader: **The Lord be with you.**

All: **And with your spirit.**

Leader: **A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.**

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel, the leader acclaims: **The Gospel of the Lord**

All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

A reflection from the leader, a prayerful reflection read aloud from a spiritual reading book, family faith sharing, or a moment of silence is appropriate during this time.

Prayer of the Faithful

Offer prayers for: The Holy Father, the needs of the Church, public authorities, the salvation of the whole world, those burdened by any kind of difficulty, the local community, those suffering from Coronavirus and those who care for them, and family members may add any other intentions.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer

The leader begins the Lord's Prayer in these or similar words:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as Christ taught us.

The family joins in:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The leader then acclaims:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All:

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Then, all pray the Spiritual Communion prayer together:

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.**

A period of silence may now be observed, or a psalm or song of praise may be sung.

CONCLUSION

Blessing

All pray together as they make the sign of the cross.

**May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil,
and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Finally the leader says:

Go in the peace of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**