

OPENING PRAYER

Sign of the Cross [TG]

Reflection (Pope Francis, “*Fratelli Tutti*”, #2, #8)

“A Prayer to the Creator”

(by Pope Francis, “*Fratelli Tutti*”)

*Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.*

*Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.*

*May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.*

*May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams.*

Amen.





MID SESSION PRAYER

Prayers of Intercession

(USCCB, “National Marriage Week 2021”)

- ✠ For Church leaders: that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit to continue to proclaim the unique meaning of marriage between a man and a woman as a sign of Christ and His Bride the Church. Let us pray to the Lord...
- ✠ For all those who serve us in elected office: that they uphold and enact laws and policies that promote and preserve the dignity of marriage as the permanent, faithful, and fruitful union of a man and a woman. Let us pray to the Lord...
- ✠ For an increase in faith during this time of pandemic: that we may come to Christ with our burdens and receive the consolation that only the Lord can give. Let us pray to the Lord...
- ✠ For all those suffering from troubled or broken marriages: that they may be fortified by the grace of the sacrament they have received in matrimony and obtain the assistance they need for healing. Let us pray to the Lord...
- ✠ For our parish and community: so that, as a family of families, we may find ways to care for our married couples and support the families among us who are the domestic church. Let us pray to the Lord...
- ✠ For all married couples: that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage promises, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us. Let us pray to the Lord...
- ✠ For all those discerning a vocation to marriage: may they recognize the Holy Spirit working in their hearts and respond generously to the call of God. Let us pray to the Lord...

Prayer

(USCCB, “National Marriage Week 2021”)

**O God,
who in creating the human race
willed that man and wife should be one,
keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love
those who are united in the covenant of Marriage,
so that, as you make their love fruitful,
they may become, by your grace,
witnesses to charity itself.**

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

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Reflection (by Pope Francis, “*Patris Corde*”)

Prayer to St. Joseph (for the “Year of St. Joseph”)

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

