



## **Our Lady of Lourdes** Catholic Church

God chose to come into the world as a child in a family. Like most families, His family shared very real joys and sorrows. The Holy Family consists of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, and together they serve as an example of holiness for all Christian families. Blessed Pope Paul VI said, we meditate on the Holy Family that it may “teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character.” During the month of February, which is dedicated to the Holy Family, and especially as we pray the Holy Family novena, we will reflect on members of the Holy Family and events that took place in their lives, asking for their prayers and help as we strive to grow in holiness.

### **The Holy Family Novena Prayers**

#### **Day 1**

Holy Family, you were close to our Heavenly Father on Earth, uniting your wills to His, and are now close to Him in Heaven. I ask that you intercede with Him on my behalf.

(Mention your intentions here)

Holy Family, you traveled to Bethlehem without knowing where Mary would give birth. You relied on God to provide, and what He provided for His Son was a manger in the midst of animals. Help my family to rely on God for our needs and trust in His ways, even when they are not what we expect.

Holy Family, you who once walked this Earth, accompany my family as we strive to follow your example by walking in your footsteps. Amen.

#### **Day 2**

Holy Family, you were close to our Heavenly Father on Earth, uniting your wills to His, and are now close to Him in Heaven. I ask that you intercede with Him on my behalf.

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Holy Family, after receiving warning from an angel, you fled to Egypt to save your son from the killing of innocents that was taking place in your hometown. Come to the aid of all families who are in exile, and come to our aid when the powers of this world act against our children, our God, and us.

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### **Day 3**

Holy Family, you were close to our Heavenly Father on Earth, uniting your wills to His, and are now close to Him in Heaven. I ask that you intercede with Him on my behalf.

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Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus, you silently carried out the simple labor of a carpenter to provide for your family. Bless all parents who labor without complaint to support their families. Pray that they may in time see the spiritual fruits of their labor.

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### **Day 4**

Holy Family, you were close to our Heavenly Father on Earth, uniting your wills to His, and are now close to Him in Heaven. I ask that you intercede with Him on my behalf.

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Mary, Mother of God, your primary vocation was bearing and raising your Child and for that, you are venerated among all women. Pray for God's blessings upon all people whose primary work is in the home. May they see the great dignity of their work especially when it seems mundane or monotonous.

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### **Day 5**

Holy Family, you were close to our Heavenly Father on Earth, uniting your wills to His, and are now close to Him in Heaven. I ask that you intercede with Him on my behalf.

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Jesus, Son of God, You were raised in a Jewish home where you learned both the Scriptures and the craft of carpentry from Your earthly father. Bless all children that they may grow in holiness throughout their childhood. Help them to see You in all things: in prayer, in work, and in play.

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## **Day 6**

Holy Family, you were close to our Heavenly Father on Earth, uniting your wills to His, and are now close to Him in Heaven. I ask that you intercede with Him on my behalf.

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Holy Family, on your return journey from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Jesus stayed behind in the Temple, leaving His parents to worry about His whereabouts when they discovered He was missing. Pray for parents who struggle with distress, anxiety, and misplaced guilt over unexpected things that happen in their children's lives.

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## **Day 7**

Holy Family, you were close to our Heavenly Father on Earth, uniting your wills to His, and are now close to Him in Heaven. I ask that you intercede with Him on my behalf.

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Mary, you encouraged your son to perform His first public miracle. Help all parents to know when and how to encourage their children, so that they may live out the lives that God has called them to.

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### **Day 8**

Holy Family, you were close to our Heavenly Father on Earth, uniting your wills to His, and are now close to Him in Heaven. I ask that you intercede with Him on my behalf.

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Mary, as Jesus started His public ministry, you saw His followers as well as those who ridiculed Him. He was not welcome as a prophet in His hometown, among those He had known throughout His life. Help all family members to support one another through their trials and difficulties.

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### **Day 9**

Holy Family, you were close to our Heavenly Father on Earth, uniting your wills to His, and are now close to Him in Heaven. I ask that you intercede with Him on my behalf.

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Mary, you and Jesus buried Joseph, and then you watched as your Son was brutally beaten and crucified. Holy Family, be close to all families as they experience the suffering and death of loved ones.

Holy Family, you who once walked this Earth, accompany my family as we strive to follow your example by walking in your footsteps. Amen.

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