

HOME IS A HOLY PLACE....

....because God is present there as love

*Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.*

*Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. (1 John 4: 7-8)*

**HOW DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SHOW LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER?**

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...because God's presence graces all creation.

*Ever since the creation of the world, God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things God has made.  
(Romans 1:20)*

**When are you most aware of God's presence in your family life?**

*Ever loving God, we, your children, always grateful for your gift of family, thank you for the holiness of our homes.*

*Graced by your abiding presence, may we appreciate your gifts, experience your joy, endure our messiness and remain hopeful during difficulties.*

*May all of us, whoever we are, never forget that you are at the heart of all the love we share. Amen.*

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...because relationships within the family reflect God's relationship with us.

*We love because God first loved us. If we say we love God, but hate our brothers and sisters, we are liars. For people cannot love God, whom they have not seen, if they do not love their brothers and sisters, whom they have seen. (1 John 4:19)*

**What are the challenges that you experience in your family relationships?**

**How do you cope?**

*Love is the light – and in the end, the only light – that can illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working. (Pope Benedict XVI)*