

Family Prayers  
National Youth Sunday 2020

**For togetherness,**

Father, all praise and glory to you who knit us together in love. Cradle all of creation in your arms, bringing a true unity among us and a shared hope in your kingdom. May our billions of hearts seek nothing but love, showing endless compassion to each other and sharing always in true honesty. Amen

**For the pope,**

Father, you blessed us so greatly by electing Pope Francis as first servant of Christ. We earnestly implore you to look on him with dear and loving eyes, answering his prayers fervently, holding his hand through every step of his papacy and granting him all wisdom through the Holy Spirit. Help us to wait with great anticipation on his every word and follow his guidance for the Church. Amen

**For family,**

Father, thank you for the gift of family, where love is first fostered and hope encouraged. Please bring us to greater unity, to greater love, to greater understanding of each other, to greater selflessness, to greater faith and to greater glorify you. Through the intercession of the Holy Family we pray. Amen

**For the future,**

Father, you are everything and we want nothing other than to serve you. Help us to place our lives in your comforting hands and with all confidence take the next step out into the unknown. We do not know what the future holds, we do not need to, you know and that is all that matters. Help us to humbly accept your will and hold it always in our hearts. Amen

**For each other,**

Father, we pray for all those around us, for those who perhaps can hear this prayer, for those who, although further from us, are still close in our hearts, for those who do not know we love them, for those who do not love us and for those we might have forgotten. We thank you for them, their lives and their hopes. Be ever close to them, holding your hand out to stop them from falling and keeping their lives on your most holy path. Amen

**For Coronavirus,**

Father, if it be your most loving will then we pray that there may be a swift end to the Coronavirus. We pray for those affected directly by the virus, for those who have been financially hit by lockdown, for those whose lives have been disrupted and for anyone whom it has caused suffering. May you accompany them through this time and help them to focus their eyes solely on your Son, Jesus. Amen

**For thanksgiving,**

Father, the world and life you have gifted us are more than we could ever deserve. The radiant beauty of everything you have created is beyond comprehension, and it is an honour to behold. For all this we must earnestly thank you. Help us to always be thankful, as we walk the path you have set before us and as we live in your world. Amen