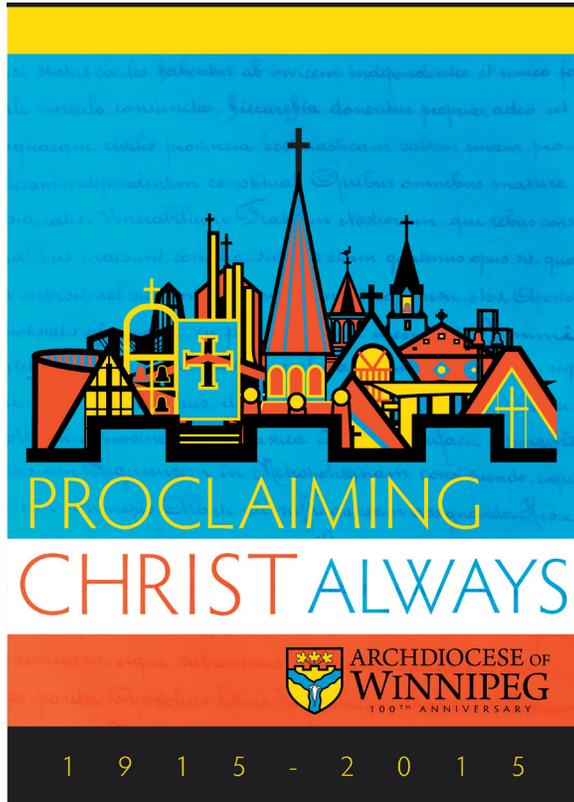


# PRAYERS FOR THE ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**PROCLAIMING CHRIST ALWAYS  
WITHIN OUR FAMILIES  
DURING OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR**

The calling of every family is to share life together with a deep, personal love according to God's Will. It is the family's calling to become a community, sharing life together in deep love and respect for one another.

Christian family life has this aim: To be a community of love and life centered on Jesus Christ, in other words, to be a "domestic church" where Christ is proclaimed and evangelization begins.



## Novena Prayer to the Holy Father

God of goodness and mercy, to Your Fatherly protection we commend our family, our household and all that belongs to us. We entrust all to Your love and keeping. Fill our home with Your blessings as You filled the Holy House of Nazareth with Your presence.

Above all things else, keep far from us the stain of sin. We want You alone to reign over us. Help each one of us to obey Your holy laws, love You sincerely, and imitate Your example, the example of Mary, Jesus's Mother and ours, and the example of the holy guardian Saint Joseph.

Lord, preserve us and our home from all evils and misfortunes, but grant that we may be ever resigned to Your Divine Will even in the sorrows which it may please You to send, or in any cross you may permit to come to us.

Give us the grace to live in perfect harmony and charity toward our neighbour. Grant that every one of us may deserve by a holy life the comfort of Your holy Sacraments at the hour of death.

We also ask You to grant us this special request: (Mention your request).

Bless our home, God the Father, Who created us, God the Son, Who suffered for us upon the Cross, and God the Holy Spirit, Who sanctified us in Baptism. One God in Three Divine Persons, preserve our bodies, purify our minds, direct our hearts, and bring us all to everlasting life!

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## Prayer to the Heavenly Father

**F**ather, our family looks to Your loving guidance and order as the pattern of all family life. By following the example of the Holy Family of Your Son, in mutual love and respect, may we come to the joy of our home in heaven.

Father, by the power of Your Spirit You have filled the hearts of Your faithful people with gifts of love for one another. Hear the prayers I offer for our family, relatives, and benefactors. Give us health of mind and body that we may do Your Will with perfect love.

Pardon our sins. Give us Your constant encouragement and guide us throughout our lives, until the day when we, with all who have served You, will rejoice in your presence forever in heaven. Amen.

## Prayer

**L**ord, we pray that You visit our home and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let Your Holy Angels dwell in it to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be always upon us.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we beg You to guard our family from all danger. And as we humbly worship You with all our hearts, in Your mercy graciously protect us from all the snares of the enemy and keep us in Your peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Say one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be**

**St. Joseph, Pray for us.**

**“Strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matt 6:33)**

## Archdiocese of Winnipeg Centennial Prayer

Compassionate and loving God,  
we praise and thank you  
who are the source  
of all we are and all we have.

In this centenary of the founding  
of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg,  
we give you thanks for all the gifts  
you have given us in the past.

We ask that,  
through the Gospel and the Eucharist,  
you continue to bring your people  
together in the Holy Spirit.

Teach us to love you  
and to be a sign of your love for all people.  
Help us to proclaim, in word and deed,  
the living presence of Jesus Christ in the world  
who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever. Amen.

*St. Joseph,  
Patron of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg,  
pray for us.*