

26 December

Feast of the Holy Family

We pray for families in all their diversity, that they will be blessed with enduring love, and where needed, with healing and forgiveness.

In the fulness of time the eternal Son of God was born into a human family. United with him, let us pray for our sisters and brothers all around the world.



Family was important to Mary Aikenhead. Let us join our prayer with hers as we pray.

Prayers of Intercession: *You may wish to pause for silent prayer after each prayer.*

We pray for the whole human family, that as this difficult year draws to a close a new spirit of hope, solidarity and peace will flourish in every land.

We pray for all living creatures, that the whole of humankind will enter into a new covenant of care with the created world.

We pray for families in their many different forms, that parents and guardians will establish a climate of love for children to grow and thrive.

We pray for the parents of children with special needs, that they will receive the support they need to meet the challenge of daily care.

We pray for families afflicted with violence, division, and betrayal, that by God's grace they will be led to reconciliation and new life.

We pray for children who are neglected, abandoned, or abused, that they will recover from their maltreatment and find their way to a productive life.

We pray for those who by choice or circumstance live as single persons, that they will find fulfilment in the service of the community.

We pray for families embarking on summer holidays, that they will travel safely and enjoy a time of rest and renewal.

We pray for the recently deceased (*name*) and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will see God face to face and live in peace forever.

Loving God you entrusted your Son to Mary and Joseph. Help to grow in grace and wisdom as he did in their care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

