

# A Litany Of Thanksgiving For All Kinds Of Families

Leader: Eternal God, God of Abraham and Sara, God of Mary and Joseph, in your wisdom you have chosen to enter time and be a part of our everyday lives.

People: **We give you heartfelt thanks for countless gifts of love, for tenderness and relationship, for concern that seeks the welfare of another.**

Leader: Above all we thank you for the household of God in which we are encouraged to goodness and chastened by judgment and mercy.

People: **We thank you for the family of faith in which we discover the meaning of faith for our families.**

Leader: We praise you for the gift of brothers and sisters and parents in Christ who sustain us in trouble and lighten our way.

People: **We thank you, O God, for marriage and those who make and keep covenants.**

Leader: We thank you for those who choose to be single, or who are single apart from their choice to be so.

People: **They add their gifts of caring and service to the family of faith, and teach us the finer meanings of freedom and friendship.**

Leader: We acknowledge the suffering of those who must endure separation and divorce.

People: **Grant that we may enter into their pain, and support them in their struggle to reshape their lives.**

Leader: We thank you for all who assume the burdens and joys of parenthood, for their resourcefulness in the face of obstacles, or oppression and their constancy in the face of temptations to abandon their responsibilities.

People: **We thank you for the courage of those who must lead families alone. Grant that we may surround them with our love and uphold them in their difficult vocation.**

Leader: We thank you for those who understand the pain of families with members who are disabled, and reach out in imaginative ministry.

**People: We thank you for all who are for the generation that is coming into being, and those who are for the generation whose work is nearing completion.**

Leader: Bless all who care, O God.

**People: And finally, we thank you for our friend and brother, Jesus Christ, who walks with us and shares his life with us in word and sacrament.**

Leader: And for the Holy Spirit, the encourager, who cheers us on in every good work.

**All: AMEN**

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