



This intimate prayer of Jesus reveals a profound unity between Him and the Father—a unity rooted in love, trust, and complete self-giving. It is a unity that overflows into love for others.

In praying for his disciples, Jesus extends this same unity to them. He desires that they “may be one,” just as He and the Father are one. It is a unity that reflects the very heart of God. Jesus knows that such unity will sustain them through challenges and enable them to continue his mission in the world.

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 1: 12-14
Psalm 26: 1, 4, 7-8
1 Peter 4: 13-16
John 17: 1-11

This message speaks powerfully to our families today. The family is often called the “domestic church,” a place where God’s love is first experienced and shared. **Just as Jesus remains in constant communication with the Father, families too are invited to cultivate open and loving communication with one another.** When family members take time to listen, to speak kindly, and to understand each other’s struggles and joys, they reflect the unity of Jesus and the Father.

In a world that often promotes individualism and division, family accompaniment is essential in building a loving and peaceful home. At the heart of this accompaniment is prayer—just as Jesus intercedes for his disciples, families too are called to pray for one another, entrusting each member to God’s care and grace. When parents pray for their children, spouses pray for each other, and families come together in shared prayer, they strengthen the bonds of love that unite them.

Rooted in prayer and expressed through daily acts of love, these simple yet powerful practices foster unity, deepen understanding, and bring lasting peace within the home. ❖

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“Family prayer has its own characteristic qualities. It is prayer offered in common, husband and wife together, parents and children together.”

- St. John Paul II

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MONTHLY FOCUS: FAMILY: Accompaniment



Walking Together in Loving Communication and Prayer

In the Gospel today, Jesus lifts his eyes to heaven and prays to the Father. This prayer, often called the “High Priestly Prayer,” reveals first, the strong relationship of Jesus with his Father and secondly, the deep love Jesus has for his disciples. He prays not only for their protection but also that they may remain united and continue the mission entrusted to them.