



ADORATION PRAYER SERVICE

02 July 2021

OPENING HYMN:

We are happy Christians

INTRODUCTION:

Parent's Day is significant because it honours parents everywhere who are vital to the development of future generations. Although we love our parents, the celebration of 'Parent's Day' is specially meant to express our loving appreciation to the two most important people of our lives – our parents – father and mother. We remember the years of self sacrificing love and care, instead of trivial negative experiences. We hold our parents in utmost respect, making them proud for having us as their wonderful children, by our gratitude to them for being our wonderful parents.

Parent's Day is celebrated on the 26th of July each year, the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of our Blessed Mother. On this occasion we recognize the role of parents for their commitment, responsibilities and unconditional love, while conveying our deep gratitude for all that have done and continue to do for us.

OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty and merciful God, who in Your unlimited goodness has committed us unto the care of loving parents, we pray You, bless our parents with your loving protection and good health. Forgive us, for the times we have hurt them and have disregarded their advice. Lord, set them free from sadness and sorrow, regrets and sense of guilt. Give us the grace to love, respect and obey them at all times. Even though they may feel that all the trouble they took for their children are being wasted, help them to see the great reward waiting for them in Heaven. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:11-32

REFLECTION:

This is a parable of the overwhelming love of a father for his son. The son committed the gravest form of rebelliousness towards his father by demanding his inheritance before the father died. He squandered his inheritance and returns expecting rejection. But the father's love for his son is so huge that he can do no other than celebrate the son's return.

God's love for us is like this. There is no sin that is too big for God to forgive. No life is beyond God's redemption.

God loves you more than you can know. Turn to him today. Confess your sins and ask him to forgive your past rebelliousness. Hand your life to him and let him turn your life into something truly beautiful.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Presider: With trust in His merciful love, let us confidently present our intentions to God.

Our Response is: Loving Lord, bless our families.

1. For those called to leadership within the church; for our school Management and administrators; and for all leaders responsible for the common good, especially those who govern our country. We pray to the Lord:
2. For parents who are the first and foremost educators of their children, that the Lord's wisdom and strength will continue to inspire them in their responsibilities. We pray to the Lord:
3. For the grace of caring for one another as we continue to show forth God's glory with justice and mercy. We pray to the Lord:
4. For all families, especially all of us gathered here, that we will continue to be renewed by the joy and loving mercy of our God. We pray to the Lord:
5. For families that face the future with anxiety, that they will experience God's support and consolation in their fears. We pray to the Lord:
6. For those who have died, especially our family members, that they will live forever in the radiant glory of our God. We pray to the Lord: Loving God, bless our families.

Presider: God of peace, you have made us one family in Christ Jesus. Hear our prayers, and let your everlasting love bind us close to Him and to each other, this day and every day. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER AND BLESSING FOR PARENTS:

Dear Lord! Fill our parents with Your choicest blessings; enrich their souls with Your holy grace; grant that they may faithfully and constantly guard that likeness to Your union with Your Church, which You did imprint upon them on their wedding day, Fill them with Your Spirit of holy fear, which is the beginning of wisdom; inspire them to impart it to their children. May they ever walk in the way of Your commandments, and may we their children be their joy on earth and their crown of glory in heaven. Lord God, grant that both our father and mother may attain extreme old age and enjoy continuous health in mind and body. May they give You abundant thanks because You have bestowed upon them the great gift of parenthood. AMEN

BENEDICTION:**CLOSING HYMN:**

Bind us Together Lord