



LITURGY OF THE WORD
MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANN
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INTRODUCTION:

It was in the home of Joachim and Ann where the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus, devotion to Ann and Joachim is an extension of the affection Christians have always professed toward our Blessed Mother. We, too, owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Cel.: With faith, hope and love in our hearts we come before the Lord and make our prayers on this special Feast Day.

Response: Lord, hear us.

On this day we pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he leads our Church. We pray for Bishops and Priests everywhere as they serve God's people. May the good Lord continue to bless them in their Priesthood. We pray to the Lord....

As we remember St Joachim and St Anne, we pray for parents, expectant parents and especially for all grandparents. May they always help those in their loving care to grow in the ways of faith. We pray to the Lord....

Saints Joachim and Anne expressed their faith and love of God in the warmth and love of family life. We pray for all families. May God sustain them and help them to grow stronger in love and faith. We pray to the Lord...

We pray for the gift of peace throughout our world at this time. May world leaders govern and make decisions with wisdom and understanding.

O God, who hast commanded us to honour our father and our mother, in Your mercy have pity on the souls of our departed parents, and forgive them their trespasses, and make us to see them again in the joy of everlasting brightness.

Cel.: God our Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural takes its name, hear our prayers. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS

Almighty and merciful God, who shows Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Coronavirus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for a quick control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We pray for the doctors doing research that an effective vaccine to combat the sickness is speedily found.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.