



WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

(Enthronement of the Bible Family Prayer Service)

OPENING PRAYER *(Leader)*

Ever living God, we long for your presence and we thirst for your word. Send your Holy Spirit so that the Bible can be for us a source of spiritual growth and strength. Grant us true love for the Sacred Scriptures so that we may know your truth, grow in love for you, and follow your way more faithfully. Amen.

RESPONSE

ALL: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path *(Ps 119: 105)*

HEAD OF THE FAMILY

Jesus, the Word of God the Father, You come to tell us of God's love! **R/-**

Jesus, the Word that shines in darkness, You come to guide our steps to God! **R/-**

Jesus, the Word that brings salvation, You come to break the bonds of death! **R/-**

Jesus, the Word of life eternal, You come to fill us with your Spirit! **R/-**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4: 1-20

(Pause for silent reflection)

PRAYER

(Any member of the family)

Your Words, O Lord, are the joy, the light and the truth of our lives. Your Word gives peace to our troubled hearts. Your Word stirs in our hearts a deep longing for you. It is for this reason that we enthrone the Bible in our home and make it the centre of our lives. May Your Word always inspire our lives and unite us to you forever.

ALL: Amen.

(The Bible is then enthroned in the home. It can be kept either on the altar or at any prominent place. After enthroning the Bible, the head of the family can incense or garland the Bible and each one can reverently bow before it.)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL AS A FAMILY

LEADER:

Having been enlightened by God's Word, let us bring our needs before the Author of all Truth.

For the Church, that we may continue to respond to the word of God which is proclaimed in our midst, we pray to the Lord. **R/-**

For all who listen as the Scriptures are proclaimed, that God's word may find in them a fruitful field, we pray to the Lord. **R/-**

For those who have not heard the message of Christ, that we may be willing to bring them the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord. **R/-**

For our family that we may be united in Christ and in love, we pray to the Lord. **R/-**

For those who suffer from Covid-19 and for those who care for them, we pray to the Lord. **R/-**

LEADER:

God of eternal love and light, You have given us Jesus as your incarnate Word. Hear our humble prayers and grant us the grace and courage to proclaim your Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAMILY PLEDGE:

(All together)

We promise to read and ponder the Word of God (monthly/weekly/daily) in our home. Our lives will be based on this Word and it will be our strength and comfort at every moment of our lives. Lord, may we draw from it inspiration for our decisions, strength for our work, and comfort in suffering. we ask you to help us to be faithful to our promise. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER:

(One of the Parents or Leader)

Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, we praise and thank you for this privileged time you have given our family to listen to you. May you fill us with your love, unite us and make us to rely on your Word and may it bear fruit in us, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

(A closing hymn can be sung)

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