



09 November 2025
Violence-Free Families Day



Introduction:

As we gather on this *Violence-Free Families Day*, we pray that every home may be strengthened in peace, love, and unity, and be guarded from all forms of violence and division, after the example of the Holy Family. Today's readings remind us that God's grace brings healing and renewal like the waters of the Temple; that we are His dwelling, founded on Christ; and that our homes and hearts are called to be purified as true temples of His presence.

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
Gospel: John 2:13-22

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters, Trusting in God's unfailing love and mercy, let us bring before Him our prayers for the Church and for the world.

Our Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our Pope, Archbishop John, Bishops, priests and religious: that they lead the way for the faithful to address issues of domestic violence, through prayer and dialogue, nurture love and respect in families.

For families around the world: May all families be sanctuaries of love, peace, and respect. May they be built on the foundation of mutual understanding, trust, and compassion.

For those affected by violence: May those who have experienced violence in their families find comfort, healing, and support. May they know they are not alone and that they are loved and valued.

For those working to end family violence: May those who work tirelessly to support survivors of domestic violence and abuse be blessed with wisdom, compassion, and strength. May their efforts bring hope and healing to those in need.

For a culture of non-violence: May our communities and society at large, promote a culture of non-violence, respect, and empathy. May we work together to create safe and nurturing environments for all families.

Celebrant: Lord, You are the source of all peace and love; look kindly upon the prayers we have offered for families and all who suffer from violence. Strengthen our resolve to build homes and communities where Your compassion and justice reign, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**