

## **Family & Infant Blessing for the Feast of the Holy Family – 2007**

Father in Heaven, we thank you for the gift of these children and for the great gift of family life. On this Feast of the Holy Family we ask for the grace to cultivate as a living treasure the gift of our family.

Grant parents to help their children understand what is happening in the family, to help each child participate in the life and chores of the home, and to value the support of their children's prayers.

May your Holy Spirit fill us with light, truth and love, with confidence in your love like Mary and Joseph, and courage to form the character and spirits of our children. When we must discipline them, guide us to patiently help them understand their need for discipline and with kindness lead them to accept our authority as an expression of our love.

Grant us as parents to cultivate our spousal love for each other; so that we may continue to give our children what they need most: a mother and father who love each other.

Your fatherly love is more intensively drawn to those parents who find themselves alone: grant them the conviction that You love them more than ever, and help them to welcome the guidance of your Holy Spirit, in whom we are never truly alone.

Father, in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, fill our hearts with the joy and peace of your love; so that our homes may be places of radiant joy even in the midst of trials and difficulties.

May your presence in us make us so kind to one another that parents and children alike will remain united by strong bonds of love now and forever; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.