



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

31st December 2023

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters, the Feast of the Holy Family teaches us that respect for parents is essential for a successful family life. The Holy Family of Jesus is a great example in this regard. Joseph and Mary did everything for his upbringing and Jesus was obedient to them. Let us pray that parents everywhere may be cared for and respected by their children, saying,

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For our Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix, all Priests, Deacons and Religious, that God may keep them free from afflictions and strengthen them in their work with the Holy Spirit, **we pray to the Lord.**
2. For those in the Government, and for the local authorities, that they may avoid corrupt practices and work for the good of the people, **we pray to the Lord.**
3. For the poor, the unemployed and debt-ridden people, that they may be rescued by the rich and generous people of Society, **we pray to the Lord.**
4. For all believers in Jesus Christ - that they may know the love of Christ and reach out to those in need, **we pray to the Lord.**
5. For the success of the preparations for celebration of the Jubilee Year that, keeping in mind the motto of the celebrations, we may accept each other in solidarity and fraternity, **we pray to the Lord.**
6. Let us pray for our personal needs..... **Our response.**

Concluding prayer (Celebrant): God our Father, you planted your Son in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Jesus grew up in knowledge and wisdom under the parental care of Joseph and Mary. We thank you for giving us our families, where we too may grow and experience your love and care. Give us the grace to give honour and praise to your name with our lives, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord,

R: Amen.