

Scripture- Luke 2:22-35

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to thy people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,

“Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel,
and for a sign that is spoken against
(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also),
that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.”

Prayer: Lord, thank you for coming to us. Thank you for showing us how we can give ourselves to you entirely, knowing that you first give yourself to us. Help us to know that in entrusting ourselves and our families to you, you will bless and fulfill what you have promised to us.

Litany of the Holy Family:

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,pray for us
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, most worthy of our veneration,pray for us
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, called “the Holy Family” from all time,pray for us
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, son, mother, and head of the Holy Family,pray for us
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, divine child, pure spouse, and chaste spouse,pray for us
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, restorers of fallen families,pray for us
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, image of the Blessed Trinity here on earth,pray for us
Holy Family, tested by the greatest of difficulties,pray for us
Holy Family, with much suffering on the journey to Bethlehem,pray for us
Holy Family, without a welcome in Bethlehem,pray for us
Holy Family, visited by the poor shepherds,pray for us
Holy Family, obliged to live in a stable,pray for us
Holy Family, praised by the angels,pray for us
Holy Family, venerated by the wise men from the East,pray for us
Holy Family, greeted by the pious Simeon in the temple,pray for us
Holy Family, persecuted and exiled to a foreign country,pray for us
Holy Family, hidden and unknown in Nazareth,pray for us
Holy Family, faithful in the observance of divine laws,pray for us
Holy Family, perfect model of the Christian family,pray for us
Holy Family, center of peace and concord,pray for us
Holy Family, whose protector is a model of paternal care,pray for us
Holy Family, whose mother is a model of maternal diligence,pray for us
Holy Family, whose Divine Child is a model of filial obedience,pray for us
Holy Family, poor in material goods, but rich in divine blessings,pray for us
Holy Family, as nothing in the eyes of men, but so great in heaven,pray for us
Holy Family, our support in life and our hope in death,pray for us
Holy Family, patron and protector of our Congregation,pray for us

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

Let us pray. O God of infinite goodness and kindness, who has deigned to call us to this Family, give us the grace to venerate Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, so that, imitating them in this life, we may enjoy with them the life to come. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.