

A FAMILY PRAYER

Composed by Pope Francis for the Feast of the Holy Family, 2013

**JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH,
IN YOU WE CONTEMPLATE
THE SPLENDOR OF TRUE LOVE,
TO YOU WE TURN WITH TRUST.**

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH,
GRANT THAT OUR FAMILIES TOO
MAY BE PLACES OF COMMUNION AND PRAYER,
AUTHENTIC SCHOOLS OF THE GOSPEL
AND SMALL DOMESTIC CHURCHES.**

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH,
MAY FAMILIES NEVER AGAIN
EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE, REJECTION AND DIVISION:
MAY ALL WHO HAVE BEEN HURT OR SCANDALIZED
FIND READY COMFORT AND HEALING.**

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH,
MAY THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS
MAKE US ONCE MORE MINDFUL
OF THE SACREDNESS AND
INVIOABILITY OF THE FAMILY,
AND ITS BEAUTY IN GOD'S PLAN.**

**JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH,
GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Amen.

