



Intercessions and Blessing for National Parents' Day July 28, 2024

General Intercessions

For all new or expectant mothers and fathers: may they be encouraged in their responsibilities as parents, called to witness the multiplication of God's love in their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all parents whose life circumstances have left them without a spouse: may they experience the closeness of God, family, and community so that they may always know that they do not walk alone. Let us pray to the Lord.

After Communion

Blessing after Communion: After reciting the Prayer after Communion, invite all parents, godparents, foster parents, and guardians in the parish to stand and receive a blessing in the following or similar words:

Eternal Father,
You sent us your only begotten Son,
Jesus Christ, with the mission to offer
merciful forgiveness and loving service,
opening the door for our salvation.

In doing so, you provided the model for every parent,
godparent, foster parent, and guardian,
revealing that their mission is to form their children
to follow the example of your Son, unto eternal life.

Bless the hearts ✠ of these dedicated souls
who stand now before you,
that they may be guided by your Holy Spirit
to nurture and form in love the children
you have entrusted to their care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

