

Month of **Prayer & Fasting** for **Marriage & Families**

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Scripture and the Church's history give us many examples of the great impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together. Join us for a month of prayer and fasting to be held in parishes, schools and homes across the nation during the month of October 2017. We pray that our country's leaders will truly understand the importance of marriage and that they will exercise their role in a way which supports and protects God's plan for marriage and family life.

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Sunday 1 October

Today and throughout this week we pray for all marriages and families in Australia.

Heavenly Father, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Make us ever more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan.

Sunday 15 October

Today and throughout this week we pray for the well-being of those experiencing same-sex attraction or gender uncertainty.

Heavenly Father, grant true peace and comfort to our family members and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and loving especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.

Sunday 8 October

Today and throughout this week we pray for all families in distress. *Heavenly Father, grant healing to all families in distress, especially those burdened with strained relationships. Draw close to all families who have experienced violence, upheaval, illness or division: May all who have been wounded find ready comfort and healing.*

Sunday 22 October

Today and throughout this week we pray for our nation's understanding of the importance of marriage.

Heavenly Father, grant that all Australia's leaders develop a true understanding of the meaning and importance of marriage in our society. We pray that they will work cooperatively to ensure our nation upholds your plan for marriage and families.