**Official Prayer for WMF 2018**

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,

One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,

gentle and generous,

welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

*[We pause and remember family members and others by name].*

Increase our faith,

Strengthen our hope,

Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

**Amen**

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.*

*Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.*

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*

*Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*

**Other prayers/ blessings suitable for families and households**

O God,

You have created us in love and saved us in mercy,

and through the bond of marriage

you have established the family

and willed that it should become a sign

of Christ’s love for his Church.

Shower your blessings on this family

gathered here in your name.

Enable those who are joined by one love

to support one another

by their fervour of spirit and devotion to prayer.

Make them responsive to the needs of others

and witnesses to the faith in all they say and do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

**Amen.**

May God bless this house.

May the Holy Spirit bless this house.

May the Holy Trinity bless this house.

May Mary bless this house.

May the Holy Apostles and Martyrs bless this house.

May Christ, the gentle son of Mary, put out the graces of his Holy Spirit on it.

**Amen.**

Lord, we thank you for our family.

Bless each one of us in our uniqueness

And let us use our gifts and talents to ensure

Unity and love within our family now and always.

**Amen**.