

The Family That Prays Together

God made us social creatures. To fully enjoy the life he created us for, we must try to live sincerely realizing that we are all brothers and sisters experiencing devout love for the same Father(God); the same admiration and love and acceptance of leadership from our big brother(Jesus Christ). We live fully united, directed, and guided by the same Holy Spirit contributing in selfless love and truth(no deceit), as much as we can, always for the well-being of God's family(Kingdom on earth).

We never lose sight of, and the desire, for the need to improve our love relationship with our family in heaven-Our Father who is God, our mother Mary(mother of God), Our Brother Jesus Christ who is also God, the Holy Spirit , the Angels, our brothers and sisters(the holy saints). It is by living and growing in the perfect love of God's family in heaven that enables us to be an active part of the growing family of God on earth, seen most clearly as the kingdom we pray for often in The Lord's Prayer ; the new Israel, the Catholic Church.

Those we love the most, we continue to love sincerely and selflessly by listening to them, talking to them and keeping them in mind as much as possible at all times. **To foster this love of God's family, we must work at improving our conversation of love(prayer life)** with Our Father God, and Our Brother Jesus Christ; with the necessary help of the Holy Spirit, as well as of our mother Mary and all the angels and saints. True love, nourished by prayer, moves us to serve them and delight in doing so.

We live the first and greatest commandment sincerely in our prayer life, which nourishes the way we relate in compassionate, merciful love here on earth to other members of our immediate family, our church family, our city, our country, our human family everywhere.

We bond in love most effectively with our wives and husbands, our children, our parents, our brothers and sisters, and our neighbors when we experience the love of our God, by praying with each other. Then we are experiencing the love God has for us, as part of his family. Praying together, or at the same time, even though separated from others, who may be in prison, is an effective way to maintain, and even grow in love for those in our families by sharing with them the love relationship we have with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The family that most loves and enjoys living with each other in peace and happiness, prays together, as much as possible; at meals, at Holy Mass, with the Holy Rosary, Angelus Prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, Night Prayer, etc. With this book and our website www.hopeforeveryone.com, we hope and pray that God will inspire us to allow him to help us, become better members of his family, and in that way, become better members, not only of our immediate families, but of the whole human family.

We must realize that what is most necessary for the happy life we all yearn for is a good loving relationship with God, with our immediate family, and with all other humans; and in that order. Our careers, or any kind of work, or sport, or study are of secondary importance only. No worldly accomplishment, achievement, fame, money or material possessions can ever produce

more happiness than a person's loving relationship with God, with his family, and with other people. **Strong committed love relationships with God, family and other people** are all that will produce, for any human, the contented, happy, peaceful, purposeful life that God created us to enjoy in this world.

Family life is suffering in this country because many people are dedicating their lives more to careers, to seeking selfish, short-lived pleasure from food, drink, sexual experiences and entertainments than to **committed love relationships** with God, with their immediate families, and with other people.

When the family of God, which we are all called to be part of (we pray **Our Father** with Jesus Christ), and learn in that family to love each other; we become part of the most essential basic society. When these basic societies suffer, because of lack of committed love, the larger human societies of neighborhoods, cities, states, country, and the whole world suffers.

If we want the world everywhere to become a better and more peaceful place for us to enjoy, we must come to realize that the main places, to learn social skills, are in the church, and in the home. God and parents, are the most necessary and most important teachers of children. The best of teachers in schools and colleges can never inspire and motivate any person, to live a better and more fruitful life in this world, than God and God-fearing parents.

No laws, armies or police can make or force, any person to do good anywhere, as much as the good conscience and good desires, formed in a person living a disciplined life, which comes only from trying to please the God, and parents he loves.

May God bless you abundantly and allow us to pray with you, as you make use of this book and our website. Please pray for us that we may know, and do God's will faithfully, and be successful in helping all prisoners and all who are suffering, to overcome, in the way of Jesus Christ, the evil of crime and sin in their lives.

