

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

Suggested Intercessions for the Prayer of the Faithful

Feel free to adapt the intentions below to respond to the particular needs and concerns of your parish.

The Pope, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

That Pope (*name here*) may be inspired by the Holy Spirit with the gifts of wisdom and familial love as he calls the Church to reverence marriage and the family, we pray to the Lord,

For Pope (*name here*), that the Lord God will strengthen and protect him as he proclaims God's design for human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving for the Holy Father, that the Holy Spirit may fill him with His sevenfold gifts as he proclaims God's gifts of marriage and family to the world, we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit will enflame the hearts of the Holy Father (*name here*), the bishops, and clergy to teach God's truth about the nature of the human person, human sexuality, and the gift of marriage, we pray to the Lord,

For the Holy Father and the clergy, that the Holy Spirit will gift them with understanding and wisdom about the virtue of chastity and enable them to be heralds of this essential virtue that protects God's gifts of love and life and to which all people are called to live, we pray to the Lord,



For Bishop (*name your bishop here*), that he may never tire of proclaiming the beauty and freedom of God's design for married love to men and women, we pray to the Lord,

That Bishop (*name your bishop here*), may provide formation in the virtue of chastity to all the faithful and support (*or strengthen*) Natural Family Planning ministry in our diocese, we pray to the Lord,

For the bishops, that they may continue to teach God's truth about human sexuality, the nature of marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood, and help people to see the harm of contraception and promiscuity in our world, we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit may give wisdom to Bishop (*name here*) as he instructs the faithful about the Father's design of marriage and married love, we pray to the Lord,



For all members of the clergy, that they may continue to devote themselves to promoting "the holiness of marriage, in order to guide married life to its full human and Christian perfection" (*HV 30*), we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit may empower priests and deacons to teach God's design for life and love, we pray to the Lord,

For priests and deacons: that in their service to the Church, they may raise awareness of Natural Family Planning and the importance of marriage and the family, we pray to the Lord,

For our priests and deacons: that they may boldly proclaim the beauty and freedom of the Church's teachings on marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving for those clergy who boldly teach and preach about God's design for men, women, human sexuality, marriage, life and love, and the virtue of chastity, we pray to the Lord,



Lay Ecclesial Ministers

That the Holy Spirit may encourage lay ecclesial ministers and strengthen them to share God's truth about marriage and family life, we pray to the Lord,

For lay ecclesial ministers, that the Holy Spirit will grace them with the gifts to inspire and to support married couples to live Church teachings on conjugal love and responsible parenthood, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving for those lay ecclesial ministers who teach about the nature of human sexuality, the virtue of chastity, the nature of marriage, and Natural Family Planning, we pray to the Lord,

That the Lord God may gift all lay ecclesial ministers with right faith rooted in the Gospel and the Sacred Tradition of the Catholic Church, we pray to the Lord,

That God will raise up lay ecclesial ministers to teach His truth about the nature of human sexuality, marriage, the virtue of chastity, and the ethical methods of Natural Family Planning, we pray to the Lord,



Government Officials

That Our Lord Jesus will help government leaders understand the great dignity of marriage as between a man and a woman, and that they will enact laws protecting and supporting marriage and families, we pray to the Lord,

For the President of the United States and government leaders, that God the Father may gift them with a profound reverence for the sacred role of parents and help them enact laws which safeguard the bond between parents and their children, we pray to the Lord,

That government policy makers may create laws to protect vulnerable families, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving for policy makers who work to protect religious freedom and life from conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord,

Natural Family Planning Ministry

For diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry, that the Lord God will call people with a variety of talents and treasures to share in His work, we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit will fill Natural Family Planning ministers and teachers with renewed zeal as they teach couples about God's design for married love and the gift of life, we pray to the Lord,

For Natural Family Planning teachers, that the Holy Spirit will sustain them in their work and help them overcome all obstacles in sharing the good news of NFP, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving for Natural Family Planning leaders and teachers, that the Lord God will continue to bless them and allow their work to flourish, we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit will support and sustain all NFP leaders and educators who seek to share God's gift of married love and life, we pray to the Lord,

Couples Preparing for Marriage

For engaged couples and couples discerning marriage, that they may welcome the Lord God into their relationship to discern His will for them, we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit may gift engaged couples with understanding to see the harm of contraception and help them open their hearts to God's design for life and love, we pray to the Lord,

For married couples of reproductive age, that they may learn the methods of Natural Family Planning in order to honor and embrace God's gifts of married love and life, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving to married couples who in the unique setting of their lives struggle to follow God's plan and use Natural Family Planning methods, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving to those married couples who provide faithful witness to following God's design by living the Natural Family Planning lifestyle, we pray to the Lord,

Married Couples

For married couples, that they might always give witness to the truth and beauty of God's design for married love and in doing so, be instruments for the conversion of others, we pray to the Lord,

That husbands and wives will open their hearts to God's truth about the sacred transmission of life and embrace Natural Family Planning as the authentic way to honor God's plan in their marriages, we pray to the Lord,

For married couples, that Jesus may lead them to understand the gifts of sacrifice, forgiveness, and generosity as they grow in their love for each other, we pray to the Lord,

That the Lord God will gift husbands and wives with the grace to welcome new life into their families, we pray to the Lord,

That married couples may look to St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother as their patrons for establishing holy families centered on Jesus and filled with faith, hope, and love, we pray to the Lord,

For married couples experiencing difficulties in their relationship, that they may persevere in love and faithfulness to each other and reach out for help if needed, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving for married couples who witness to God's never ending love, mercy, and generosity, we pray to the Lord,



Infertile Married Couples

For married couples experiencing difficulty achieving pregnancy, that they will be given the grace to understand God's plan for their spousal love, we pray to the Lord,

That God the Father will comfort and guide infertile couples as they discern His will for their marriages, we pray to the Lord,

For infertile married couples who have adopted children, that they may consider helping other infertile couples open their hearts to orphaned children, we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit will inspire the staff of diocesan marriage and family life offices to develop pastoral programs that help and support infertile married couples, we pray to the Lord,



Families

For families, that they may always live in the love of the Holy Trinity, and by doing so, be light to the world, we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit will strengthen all families by increasing each member's faith, fortifying their familial bond, and open their hearts to generously sharing their love with their neighbors, we pray to the Lord,

For families who suffer due to illness, poverty, violence or other hardships, that they may be given hope, support, and relief, we pray to the Lord,

That God the Father may comfort grieving families and grant them joy in the knowledge of their beloved's continued life in Him, we pray to the Lord,



Children

For children, that the hearts of all people will cherish, value, and protect them, we pray to the Lord,

For children who are disabled, that they may be loved and cared for by their families and neighbors, we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit will comfort and heal children who are sick, strengthen their parents to help them, and guide their physicians and nurses, we pray to the Lord,

For children who have been abandoned, that loving adoptive parents may welcome them into their homes, we pray to the Lord,

For children who are lost, that they may be found, we pray to the Lord,



Single Men and Women

For single men and women, that the Holy Spirit will gift them with a deep understanding of their individual vocations, we pray to the Lord,

That the Lord God will lead single men and women to generously share their talents and treasures with family,

For single men and women, that the Holy Spirit may give them the power to resist all forms of temptation that deny God's design for marriage, life and love, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving for the single men and women who have shared their expertise on the science and methods of Natural Family Planning, we pray to the Lord,

Young People

For young people, that Our Blessed Mother will guide them to a deeper relationship with Jesus and that the Holy Spirit will help them see God's truth in the Catholic faith, we pray to the Lord,

That the Lord God will protect the integrity and innocence of young people as they grow in the faith and discern God's will in their lives, we pray to the Lord,

For young people, that wise and faithful adults will help them learn and embrace Church teachings on chastity, marriage and family life, we pray to the Lord,

For young adults, that the Holy Spirit will inspire them to embrace vocations to marriage, we pray to the Lord,

That young adults will reject promiscuity and embrace the virtue of chastity in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving for those young leaders who have taken up the task to protect life and witness to their peers about the importance of the virtue of chastity, we pray to the Lord,

Health Care Professionals

For physicians, nurses, and scientists, that the Holy Spirit may lead them to a deeper understanding of human fertility so that they may better articulate "the conditions favorable to a lawful regulation of procreation" (*HV 24*), we pray to the Lord,

That the Lord God will call health care professionals to study and promote medical practices in accord with His divine law, we pray to the Lord,

For physicians, that they may renew their commitment to "do no harm" to their patients and reverence human life from conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit will inspire health care professionals to promote the dignity of the person and further respect for human sexuality as designed by God, we pray to the Lord,

For Catholic physicians and nurses, that they may learn and promote the natural methods of family planning and encourage their patients to be open to life, we pray to the Lord,

For Catholic schools of medicine and nursing, that the Holy Spirit will move both faculty and students to study and embrace Church teachings on the human sexuality and the life issues, we pray to the Lord,

In thanksgiving for the many scientists, physicians, and nurses who have developed and promoted the methods of Natural Family Planning, we pray to the Lord,



Additional Intercessions

That all people will be renewed in their understanding and acceptance of chastity as that virtue which will help them protect their personal integrity and God's gifts of life and love, we pray to the Lord,

That the Holy Spirit may lead people who work in the media and entertainment industry to reject all projects that attack God's design for life and love, we pray to the Lord,

For Christians who work in the media and entertainment industry, that they may fill their environments with Gospel values and noble human ideals, we pray to the Lord,

For all people, especially our neighbors, coworkers, friends, and fellow Christians, that they may increase their support for families and come to recognize that all human life is a gift from God and a reason for joy, we pray to the Lord,