

Holy Family Novena (December)

The Holy Family Novena begins on the Feast of the Holy Family.

God chose to belong to a human family. A family just like yours. A place where virtues can be learned, where respect, forgiveness and love take root. This is the miracle of Christmas. Celebrate this Christmas Season by joining the Missionaries of the Holy Family in prayer to strengthen your family. We will be celebrating Mass on each of the nine days. If you have never participated in a Novena, I encourage you to discover the benefits of this powerful form of prayer.

2009 Holy Family Novena

Day	Date	Intention of the Novena Day
Day 1	December 27, 2009	Thanksgiving for Family Blessings
Day 2	December 28, 2009	Engaged Couples
Day 3	December 29, 2009	Single Parent Families
Day 4	December 30, 2009	Families with Abuse & Addictions
Day 5	December 31, 2009	Families Caring for Elderly
Day 6	January 1, 2010	Families Struggling for Unity
Day 7	January 2, 2010	Families with Special Needs Children
Day 8	January 3, 2010	Religious Vocations in Families
Day 9	January 4, 2010	Your Family's Special Intention

You are invited to join in the Novena by reciting the Holy Family Prayer daily and reflecting on the Novena's Daily Intention.

The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.