

The Joy of Love: Week 1 Prayer Guide

Saint Pius X Catholic Church, 25 August 2021

Wednesday

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and who walk in his ways.

What your hands provide you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper:

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your home,

Your children like young olive plants around your table.

Just so will the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion;

may you see Jerusalem's prosperity all the days of your life, and live to see your children's children.

Peace upon Israel! (Psalm 128)

Thursday

"If a family is centered on Christ, he will unify and illumine its entire life. Moments of pain and difficulty will be experienced in union with the Lord's cross, and his closeness will make it possible to surmount them." (*Amoris Laetitia* 317)

Friday

The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. In that variety of gifts and encounters which deepen communion, God has his dwelling place." (*Amoris Laetitia* 315)

Saturday

" . . . for where love is concerned, silence is always more eloquent than words." (*Amoris Laetitia* 12)

Sunday

"We are constantly reminded that each of those who live with us merits complete attention, since he or she possesses infinite dignity as an object of the Father's immense love." (*Amoris Laetitia* 323)

Monday

"A person who cannot choose to love for ever can hardly love for even a single day." - Saint John Paul II

Tuesday

"Like Mary, [our families] are asked to face their family's challenges with courage and serenity, in good times and bad, and to keep in their heart the great things which God has done (cf. Lk 2:19, 51). The treasury of Mary's heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families." (*Amoris Laetitia* 30)