

## 7. INTERCESSION & BLESSING \_\_\_\_\_

**Person 1:** Let us raise our petitions to the Most Holy Trinity and to the following intentions we respond: **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

- Intercede for your particular intentions
- You can also pray for healing with faith and prudence.

**Person 1:** Now let us bless each other as a family.

- Husband and wife bless each other.
- The Parents bless their children with the following prayer:
- “May the LORD bless you and keep you! May the LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! Amen” (Numbers 6:24-26)

**Person 1:** Let us praise the Lord

**All:** And give Him thanks.

## 8. STUDY OF THE FAITH or HOLY ROSARY \_\_\_\_\_

- We invite you to study the faith together or pray the Holy Rosary.
- If you like, you can end with some songs of praise.
- May God bless and protect you. Amen.

# *A Ritual for the Domestic Church*

## Sanctifying the Lord’s Day

### 1. ANNOUNCEMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

- Please obey all common sense norms to avoid transmitting diseases.
- Share announcements of the family, parish, diocese and other important news.

### 2. WELCOME \_\_\_\_\_

**Person 1:** Welcome. Let us begin our celebration in the Name of the + Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Person 1:** We recognize and adore you Most Holy Trinity present in our midst. And we invite our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph to join our celebration.

**All:** Blessed be God forever.

### 3. KINDLING OF THE LIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

**Person 1:** Through Adam and Eve’s disobedience darkness entered the human hearts.

**All:** Sin and death became our inheritance.

**Person 1:** Through Mary’s obedience, the True Light entered the world so that those who believe in Him might not remain in darkness. And through the obedience of Christ Jesus even to death on the cross, the door of salvation was opened to humanity.

**All:** “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5).

**Person 1:** Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness” (Jn 8:12).

**All:** "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Lk 18:13). Lord, You are my light and my salvation.

**Person 2:** Blessed are You, Lord our God, who created light on the first day and sent your Son, the light of the world to begin the new creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by your Holy Spirit and has commanded us to kindle the light of our faith.

**All:** We are the Light of the world. May our light so shine before others that they may see our good deeds and give glory to our Heavenly Father (Mt 5:14-16).

[Light a candle and pray]

**Person 2:** In union with the Blessed Virgin Mary, I light this candle as a symbol of Christ and the eternal inheritance we have received from Him in our Baptism. Together let us pray:

**All:** Hail Mary, full of grace...

#### 4. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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**Person 1:** At this hour, God's messenger of peace comes to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents (cf. Mal. 3:24).

**All:** "Happy the people with such blessings. Happy the people whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 144:15).

**Person 1:** May the Lord shelter us this day in His loving presence; may He be for us a stronghold, a shield, a place of refuge from every care, fear and illness, as we dedicate ourselves too giving thanks and to recalling His saving deeds to us.

**Person 2:**

- For the eternal life You have given us in the Holy Spirit, we pray.
- **All:** Thank you, Lord!
- For all the blessings to our family and friends, we pray.
- **All:** Thank you, Lord!
- For our faith refined through trials & tribulations, we pray.
- **All:** Thank you, Lord!

- For our health, and the strength to serve you, we pray.
- **All:** Thank you, Lord!
- For the blessings that come to us from our labors, we pray.
- **All:** Thank you, Lord!
- [State other things you are thankful] - we pray.
- **All:** Thank you, Lord!
- **All:** Glory be...

#### 5. PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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**Person 1:** Let us now nourish our souls with the Word of God.

**Readings:** (for next Sunday)

- First Reading
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading
- Gospel

**Meditation:**

- Moment of silence (2 a 4 minutos)

**Sharing:**

- What is the Lord saying to you? How can you apply this word to your daily life?

#### 6. SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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- **All:** "My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."
- [A Moment of silence]
- **All:** Our Father...