

## Prayer of Blessing

*For Families Touched by Foster Care*

Invite all families who have been touched by foster care to come forward for a blessing: foster families in the community, as well as those touched by foster care in their youth, parents whose children are in the foster care system, people who work with foster children, and anyone who feels called to become foster parents.

With hands extended, the Priest concludes the intercessions by blessing the families in these words:

Gracious Father,  
your Word, spoken in love,  
created the human family  
and your Son renewed the human family  
in charity and mercy.  
Today we join in offering heartfelt thanks  
to almighty God for all those  
whose hearts have been touched by foster care.  
Endow these families with sincere and enduring love  
as they welcome foster children into their midst.  
Fill this parish community  
with faithfulness and new resolve  
to share in the formation of these children  
in Christ our Savior,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R/. Amen.**

As circumstances suggest, the priest may sprinkle the families with holy water.

If appropriate, a foster family may bring forward bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist and the faithful may bring forward other gifts to relieve the needs of families in difficulty.

Adapted from the [Rite of Blessing for a Child in the Womb](#).