



## **PRIESTLY MISSION OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

The priestly mission of the family is lived by praying together and offering the family's daily life and activities to God. Members also live their priestly mission by receiving the sacraments as a family. When families pray, they welcome God into their home and embrace the new manner of love found in Christ that helps them overcome their struggles, doubts, fears and uncertainties.

Prayer is the act of directing one's mind and heart to God with the help of the Holy spirit because "we do not know how to pray as we ought" (Rom 8:26). Through reading the word of God together, families grow in their faith and increase their devotion for God. Through sharing the very personal act of prayer together, families become unified in trust and love. They begin to see their loved ones "with the eyes of God," seeing "Christ in them." They develop a supernatural outlook on life that increases joy and sustains them through difficult moments. As Pope Francis says in *Amoris Laetitia*:

Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith [in Christ's death and resurrection]. a few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God, to tell him our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings, and to ask our lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families.