

"God loves you much more than you could ever begin to imagine and he wants the very best for you.

And by far the best thing for you is to grow in holiness."

Pope Benedict XVI



Gracious and loving God, you have blessed us with the privilege of becoming parents. We ask that you provide us with all that we need so that we might accept this tremendous responsibility.

We pray for an openness to your Spirit who is our source of strength. By the grace of this same Spirit may we be witnesses to our children of the greatness of your love for each of them; your longing for their happiness and your desire for them to live a full life.

We ask your help so we may guide and encourage our children to discover their unique calling from God and to use the gifts and talents that they have been given for the benefit of others.

We pray, Heavenly Father, that our children will discover and respond enthusiastically to your desire for them whether it be to the vocation of single, married, ordained or consecrated life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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