



THE CHAPLET OF THE *Holy Family*

BACKGROUND

The Chaplet of the Holy Family comes from the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The Chaplet was designed to help people recall the need to pray for their families and to look to the Holy Family as a model for their own family life. The Chaplet can be prayed using a standard 10 bead chaplet or one decade of your rosary.

THE DEVOTION

Sign of the Cross

Come, Holy Spirit, renew my family in your love.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

On each of the 10 beads, say the following prayer after recalling the particular intention for which you are praying:

Mary, mother of faithful love; Joseph, gentle and humble man of God; Jesus, Son of Mary, Bless, Guide and protect the families you created.

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, model for all Christian families, I entrust my family to your care and protection. Bless each member of my family. Help me and the members of my family to love, listen to, support and accept one another. Encourage us to challenge one another to be compassionate, merciful and forgiving as we struggle with the difficulties of our lives. Guide us to seek goodness and holiness in our everyday choices, actions and attitudes. Encourage us when our faith is weak and when we fail to lead one another to Christ. Make our home a real dwelling place of peace, joy and love, where you are ever present among us. May we work to uphold each one's dignity, integrity and unique contributions to the well-being and growth of our family. And when our time on earth is complete, bring us all safely home to you in the company of heaven. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."

St. John Paul the Great