

## Four Pillar Prayer

*O God, our Creator, all **LIFE** is in your hands from conception until natural death. You alone are the giver and the taker of life. We pray for an end to all actions against life. Blessed Mother, please intercede for us and help us to cherish our children and all life, and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation as you did so perfectly.*

*Father, please bless marriages in warmth and strength and give couples the grace to combat any difficulties they face. Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Your Mother, help us to preserve the sanctity of **MARRIAGE** according to God's plan as a permanent covenant between one man and one woman committed to each other for life, that is chaste and open to life. Jesus, You have declared that what therefore God has joined together let nobody or anything separate.*

*Dear Jesus, Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, you showed us the perfect example of a holy family. We pray for loving and holy **FAMILIES**, 'little domestic Churches', which are wholesome environments for the nurturing of fruitful religious vocations and the establishment of other holy families.*

*O Jesus, Good Shepherd, give us holy **PRIESTS and RELIGIOUS**. O Holy Spirit, increase faith, hope, and charity in them. Help them to grow in the four cardinal virtues, Your seven gifts, and Your twelve fruits. Consecrate them in the Truth, give them a zeal for souls, a spirit of sacrifice and a love for the cross. May they be faithful to their vows and to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Finally, increase **VOCATIONS** to the priesthood and religious life, laborers for Your harvest.*

*We offer to you these intentions as an act of Merciful Love, and we thank you Jesus, who lives and reigns in heaven together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.*

*Holy Mary, intercede for us.  
St. Joseph, pray for us.*

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