Morning

Thank you Lord for your presence in our family.

Thank you because with Your strength we can always get back up and continue on our way, overcoming difficulties, problems, misunderstandings.

Help us to invent new gestures of love, because "those who love live in joy". Help us make the dream for our family that You have in your heart come true. Amen.

Noon prayer

Lord

our family is not perfect but we don't want to give up seeking the fullness of love that You promise to us.

Grant us, O Lord,
Your strength to overcome
our limitations and
to continue to journey together.

Help us to give to someone else the joy of feeling loved. Help us to fix our gaze with love on each person, just like You do. Amen.

FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

Evening prayer

Lord

we have experienced the strength of Your presence in solitude, in suffering, in difficult moments.

Help us share with other brothers and sisters the joy of having encountered your living presence in our lives and in our family.

Help us to be an open family, one that knows how to welcome, that knows how to take care of others. Help us to transform the world with Your love. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;

may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

Francis, 19 March 2016