

(from “Enriching the Christian Year”, Mothering Sunday)

Mothering Sunday Intercessions (4 Lent)

Let us pray and respond to each petition by saying, “**Hear your children’s prayer.**”

We pray for the holy Catholic Church, the mother of us all, for the family of the Church and for the lives of families around us. Father of all...

Sovereign Lord, your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. Father of all...

You have made your Church a spiritual family, a household of faith. Through baptism we are reborn as the brothers and sisters of Christ. Deepen our unity and fellowship in him. Father of all...

You sent your Son to give his life as a ransom for the whole human family. Give justice, peace and racial harmony to the world he died to save. Father of all...

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family in Nazareth. Help us to value our families, to be thankful for them, and to live sensitively within them. Father of all...

Your Son drew around him a company of friends. Bring love and joy to all who are alone. Help us all to find in the brothers and sisters of Christ a loving family. Father of all...

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living. In confidence we remember those of the household of faith who have gone before us, especially those memorialized this day... (*insert prayer list names*). Bring us with them to the joy of your home in heaven, where you are alive and reign now and for ever. Father of all...

Celebrant says this concluding collect.

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in our joys and in our sorrows we may know your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Confession – pick one of the following to introduce confession

CEL: Jesus said, before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask his forgiveness.

CEL: We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight and chosen what displeased him. Yet as a mother comforts her child, so shall the Lord himself comfort us. So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought, and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess...

Other elements that may be used from "Enriching the Christian Year"

- 1) extended acclamation
- 2) penitential Kyrie
- 3) Invitation to the Peace
- 4) Proper preface
- 5) Postcommunion prayer
- 6) Blessing