



DUBLIN, IRELAND

# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

21-26 AUGUST 2018

## Pray-a-thon



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

An invitation to pray for family members as we prepare for World Meeting of Families 2018, when Pope Francis will visit Ireland.

Let's prepare our hearts for this joyful occasion!

### HOW DOES THE PRAY-A-THON WORK?

- 1 Ask your family members/friends if you can pray for them as part of the **WMOF2018 Pray-a-thon**. Do they have a special intention they would like you to pray for?
- 2 Write down their names and intentions on the Pray-a-thon card.
- 3 You can also put your own name and special intention down on the card.
- 4 Write the names of those family members/friends that have died in the section for the last day.

## 5 Start Praying!

- 6 On the last day we invite you to pray for family members/friends that have died and also for families around the world that are in need.



### PRAYER GUIDE FOR EACH DAY OF MY PRAY-A-THON

Choose your prayer moment, open your prayer card and make the sign of the Cross.

Each day, read the name of the person that you are praying for and start praying.

You can start with these words if it helps you:



### Finish with the WMOF2018 Prayer.

God, our Father,  
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your  
forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your  
loving care, Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,  
Keep us safe in your love, Make us always  
grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

**Amen**

Mary, mother and guide, *pray for us.*

Saint Joseph, father and protector,  
*pray for us.*

Saints Joachim and Anne, *pray for us.*

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, *pray for us.*

"With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families."

[Amoris Laetitia 318]



### Family and friends I will be praying for:

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### LAST DAY OF THE PRAY-A-THON

Family members/friends that have died:

- \_\_\_\_\_
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Lord, please remember the souls of .....

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and have them with you in Heaven.

*May your perpetual light  
shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace.*

*Amen.*

Jesus, we pray today for families around the world, especially those who are suffering. We also pray for those that will be coming to Ireland for World Meeting of Families 2018 and for every family in Ireland.

