

# FAMILY PRAYER CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Prepare an altar in the home with flowers, candles and a statue or image of Jesus our King.

Parents may ask their children to prepare the altar and then to light the candles once the family is together and ready to commence.

## **Begin by making the Sign of the Cross.**

Procession (optional) - If you are celebrating as a family or household and would like to have a short procession, select one person to carry the image or statue, while another (or others) can carry candles and flowers.

**Devise a procession route.** Example: Process outside to the front or back yard, while singing a hymn to Jesus Christ the King. Process back inside placing the image or statue back on the altar with the candles.



**Kneel in silence for a few moments to honour the Christ the King with the reverence He is due.**

**A member of the family is asked to read aloud the Gospel reading for the Solemnity of Christ the King.** (Matthew 25: 31-46)



**Make the following 'Act of Faith' committing to allow Jesus to reign in your hearts and minds and wills.**

**Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You to be the King of the universe; all that has been made has been created for You.**

**Exercise over me all Your sovereign rights. I hereby renew the promises of my Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his glamour and works, and I promise from this moment to lead a truly Christian life.**

**In particular, I commit to bringing about the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my poor actions so that every heart may acknowledge Your Sacred Kingly Power.**

**May the Kingdom of Your peace be firmly established throughout all the earth. Amen.**

## **Recite the 'Litany of Christ the King'.**

In a family setting, children may be allocated different parts of the Litany to lead.



**Recite the Prayer to Christ the King.** In a family setting, the head of the family would lead this prayer.

**Lord our God,** You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.

We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our families and the land of our birth.  
Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgement.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.  
We trust in Your great mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;

May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognised on earth,  
Here in our family, and most especially, In our hearts.

Amen.

**Conclude with the hymn**  
'Hail Redeemer King Divine'.



Painting: Christ the King  
by C.B. Chambers, circa 1950.