

## **Praying with Children—Epiphany**

1.) Traditionally people blessed their homes on Epiphany. Please run off this prayer for families to use in their home, perhaps restarting an old tradition.

For a Happy Home.

O Loving Father, bless our home. Fill it with the gladness of your presence, that we may all be happy in your love and in our love for one another. May Jesus, your Son, be our loved and honoured guest, sharing our joys and comforting our sorrows. Amen,

*The family then joins hands and prays the Lord's Prayer together. At 'for thine is the kingdom...' they lift their joined hands up and raise their voices!*

2.) To Encourage the praying of Grace before the meals, the following prayers could be used:

Sunday—Bless our food dear God we pray, and bless us, too, throughout this day. Keep us safe and close to you. Keep us safe in all we do. Amen.

Monday—We thank you, Lord, for generous hearts, for sun and rainy(snowy) weather. We thank you, Lord, for drink and food, and that we are together. Amen

Tuesday—For life and food, for love and friends and everything Thy goodness sends us, Almighty God we thank Thee. Amen.

Wednesday—Thank you for the earth so sweet. Thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for the birds that sing. Thank you, God, for everything. Amen.

Thursday—God, bless this food we are about to receive. Give bread to those who hunger and hunger for charity and justice to us who have bread. Amen.

Friday—Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are to receive from Thy bounty. Amen.

Saturday—Bless, O Lord, this food to our use and us to your service and keep us mindful of the needs of others for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

***Family members could then add their own special intentions... "As well Lord, we pray..."***

Each Grace could be run off on different piece of coloured paper and then be kept together on the table for use.