

*Prayer for all the Charismatic Families
Solemnity of All Saints – November 1, 2021*



The Charismatic Family is like a stained-glass window, that was formed by collecting various elements of different shapes and colors. Each piece has full value in itself and in giving out all of its splendor it brings a value of excellence to the whole as it reflects the beauty of the Church in its unity.

In this spirit of communion and reciprocity, on November 1, the Feast of All Saints, let us unite in prayer to entrust our Charismatic Families to God our Father. Our Founders and Foundresses celebrate it in Heaven, the place of perfect communion. May the Lord bless us with His Wisdom so that each Charism be a light of hope for the Church and the world.

Introduction

Communion is for the mission. Laity and consecrated, members of the various components of a Charismatic Family, all members of the Church, together, in communion, we go out united into the vast field of the world, following Jesus who became incarnate and assumed all of our human nature.

Pope Francis, at the opening of the Synodal path, has strongly challenged us: *«let us begin by asking ourselves – all of us, Pope, bishops, priests, religious and laity – whether we, the Christian community, embody this “style” of God, who travels the paths of history and shares in the life of humanity. Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses: “It’s useless” or “We’ve always done it this way”?* Participating in a Synod means placing ourselves on the same path as the Word made flesh. It means following in his footsteps, listening to his word along with the words of others. It means discovering with amazement that the Holy Spirit always surprises us, to suggest fresh paths and new ways of speaking. It is a slow and perhaps tiring exercise, this learning to listen to one another – bishops, priests, religious and laity, all the baptized – and to avoid artificial and shallow and pre-packaged responses. The Spirit asks us to listen to the questions, concerns and hopes of every Church, people and nation. And to listen to the world, to the challenges and changes that it sets before us. Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. So often our certainties can make us closed. Let us listen to one another.»

Invocation to the Holy Spirit (Benedict XVI)

Spirit of Life, who was moving over the abyss, help human beings in our time to understand that the exclusion of God leads them to lose their way in the desert of the world, and that it is only where faith enters that dignity and freedom flourish and the whole of society is built in justice.

Spirit of Pentecost, who made the Church one Body, restore to us, the baptized, an authentic experience of communion; make us living signs of the Risen One’s presence in the world, a community of saints that lives in service to charity.

Holy Spirit, who equips us for the mission, grant that we may recognize that so many people in our time too are in quest of the truth about their life and about the world.

Make us work for their joy by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
God’s grain of wheat that enriches the soil of life and ensures an abundant harvest.

Amen.

A Brief Pause of silent prayer

Let us not live for ourselves, let us not withdraw into ourselves, let us not stand still while looking at ourselves in the mirror, otherwise we would become arid and distant from one another. Let us live, as our saints did, for the Church, for mankind, for universal brotherhood, for unity that Jesus asked to His Father, that is, for the Kingdom. Only if we do this, does a Charismatic Family make sense; only by forgetting itself in order to live 'out of itself' is it truly itself and fruitful. Only in this way will we be able to set out on a journey together as one Family made up of many Charismatic Families.



If the centre is the gift of the Spirit and its life-giving power, if the core of everything is Christ himself who is missionary through us, we will not venture into unreal idealizations, but we will realistically love our brothers and sisters and truly wish to walk together, no matter how slowly.

The Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph - is with us to make the world one Family. The Mother of charismatic families, assumed into heaven, is Mother and Queen of all creation. We too, prompted by the Holy Spirit, are Charismatic Families in dialogue to make the world one family!



Prayer of the Charismatic Families

Holy Father, we thank You, for calling us to live the spirituality of communion and dialogue in and among the Charismatic Families, where we - sisters and brothers - find ourselves in the desire to walk together. Contemplating Your wisdom, we thank You for the common gift of vocation and mission.

Lord Jesus, we ask you, through the intercession of Mary, Most Holy Mother of the Charismatic Families, the grace to give witness to our faith through the continuous service of charity for the building of the Kingdom of God in the path begun by our holy founders and foundresses and, following in the footsteps of the Holy Family of Nazareth, may you give us the grace to reveal the immense mystery of the gift of your Love, generator of life and hope.

Holy Spirit, come upon us and grant every Charismatic Family the grace to be a gift for one another, a steadfast support at the hour of sorrow, strength in prayer, shared communion of the profound joy in living for the Church, humanity, universal brotherhood, and the unity Jesus asked to His Father.

May our Holy Founders and Foundresses help us continue to nourish the fruitfulness of their charisms. May they keep us faithful and make us grow in faith. May they help us be witnesses of Love and Holiness.

Mary, Mother of Charismatic Families, pray for us!