



You shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Mk 12:30

# BLESS MY FAMILY BLESS MY CHURCH

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## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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### Presentation of the Lord



Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast.

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### The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Lord Jesus, as an infant You were brought to the temple by Your parents out of religious duty. Help all parents to take their duties to God seriously, to inculcate their faith in the next generation by their words and by their actions, so that the faith will be handed on where the faith is first learned—in the family and in the home.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### Prayer for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Heavenly Father, on this Feast of Candlemas (the Presentation of Christ), I recall the gift Mary and Joseph gave to the world by offering baby Jesus to You in the temple. I offer up to You all the children in my family. I place them into Your perfect will and I turn their futures over to You. Help me to let go of my ideas of what they should do with their lives, and show me how to guide them into the purposes for which You created them. Help me to learn from the example of the Blessed Mother, whose heart was pierced by the sword of her Son's pain, how to always trust in Your plans. Holy Family, pray for us. Amen.

#### BEGIN THE NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**I. BRIGHT MIRROR OF ALL VIRTUES, HOLIEST MARY,** forty days had scarcely elapsed from the Birth when you, being the purest of all virgins, did will, according to the law, to be presented in the temple to be purified: grant that we, like you, may keep our hearts unstained by sin, that so we, too, may be made worthy to be presented to our God in the temple of His glory.

#### Pray one Hail Mary

**II. VIRGIN MOST OBEDIENT,** at thy presentation in the temple you did will, like other women, to offer the customary sacrifice: obtain for us that we, too, following thy example, may learn how to offer ourselves a living sacrifice to God, by practicing every virtue.

#### Pray one Hail Mary

**III. VIRGIN MOST PURE,** in observing the precept of the law, you did care little that men should account you unclean: ask for us the grace to keep our hearts forever pure, however blamable the world may think of us.

#### Pray one Hail Mary

**IV. VIRGIN MOST HOLY,** in offering your divine Son to His Eternal Father, you did gladden all the Court of Heaven: present our poor hearts to God, that He, by His grace, may keep them ever free from mortal sin.

#### Pray one Hail Mary

**V. VIRGIN MOST HUMBLE,** in placing Jesus in holy aged Simeon's arms, you did fill his soul with heavenly joy: give our hearts into God's holy keeping, that He may fill them with His Holy Spirit.



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#### Pray one Hail Mary

**VI. VIRGIN MOST ZEALOUS,** by redeeming your Son, Jesus, according to the law, you did co-operate in the salvation of the world: ransom now our poor hearts from the slavery of sin, that so they may be ever pure before the face of God.

#### Pray one Hail Mary

**VII. VIRGIN MOST MEEK,** on hearing the prophecy of Simeon foretelling your woes, you did promptly bow to the good pleasure of God: enable us also to bear all troubles with patience and resignation to His Divine Will.

#### Pray one Hail Mary

**VIII. VIRGIN MOST COMPASSIONATE,** when through your Divine Son you did fill the soul of Anna the prophetess with light, you did make her magnify the mercies of God by recognizing Jesus as the Redeemer of the world: enrich our souls with heavenly grace, that we may largely share the fruit of the Divine Redemption.

#### Pray one Hail Mary

**IX. VIRGIN MOST RESIGNED,** who did feel your soul transfixed with sorrow when in spirit you did foresee all the bitter passion of your Son, and, knowing the grief of Joseph, your spouse, for all your sufferings, did with holy words console him: pierce through and through our souls with true sorrow for our sins, that we may one day have the consolation to be made partakers of your glory in Heaven.

#### Pray one Hail Mary

**V. Simeon** received an answer from the Holy Spirit.

#### R. Pray one Hail Mary

#### Let us pray

**ALMIGHTY, EVERLASTING GOD,** we pray Your Divine Majesty, that as Your Only-begotten Son was presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so You would enable us to present ourselves before You with clean hearts. Amen

#### PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

All-powerful Father, Christ your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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### The Christ Child Is Presented at the Temple

[https://youtu.be/Mrhyc-Fbu\\_Y](https://youtu.be/Mrhyc-Fbu_Y)

#### PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

<https://youtu.be/SswGxaRo3dw>

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### "The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord"

<https://youtu.be/6Hgycmwzw1k>

#### Presentation of the Lord - Two-Minute Homily: Fr Adrian Farrelly

<https://youtu.be/gFSNbrtJNe4>

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#### The Presentation of the Lord - Gospel Reflection

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