

# SECTION 4 † FAMILY OF ORIGIN

## *Opening Prayer*

*All-loving God, you are the source of family love.*

*Bless us with your Spirit's peace as we talk  
about the blessings and burdens of family life.*

*Help us to know that your love triumphs  
over all of our difficulties.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord  
and in the power of your Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*



*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,  
and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving  
one another, if one has a grievance against another; as  
the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over  
all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.*

Colossians 3:12-14