

## ***Blessed Is the Family***

**Blessed is the family whose God is the Lord, and that walks in His Presence.**

**Blessed is the family founded on love and whose attitudes, words, gestures, and decisions spring forth from love.**

**Blessed is the family open to life, welcoming children as a gift, valuing the presence of the elderly, and sensitive to the poor and suffering.**

**Blessed is the family that prays together to praise the Lord, entrusting to Him its concerns and hopes.**

**Blessed is the family that lives what ties it together with freedom, allowing everyone the autonomy to grow as a unique individual.**

**Blessed is the family that finds time for dialogue, to relax and have fun and to celebrate together.**

**Blessed is the family that is not a slave to the television and that chooses programs of value and meaning.**

**Blessed is the family in which differences do not create "drama" but which provide the setting where each one can grow in respect, goodness, and mutual forgiveness.**

**Blessed is the family where peace reigns within and among all: therein are found the roots that will nourish world peace.**

**Blessed is the family that lives in harmony with the universe, and that commits itself to construct a world that is ever more human.**

**Blessed is the family that decides that it is possible to live some of these beatitudes even if it does not recognize itself in all of them.**

**Blessed is the family in which life is a joy, being apart brings homesickness, and returning there is a cause for celebration.**