



Prayer of Anticipation

Pope Francis comes to our country in September. He will visit our nation's capital before attending the World Synod on the Family in Philadelphia. This time coincides with the time when we shift into a period of learning and change of routine in family life. As members of the Church, we welcome the Pope's presence among us. We celebrate an opportunity to know that he is in our midst for a brief time. Yet, we pray that, as leader of the Church, he will awaken in our minds and hearts the importance of our faith in today's society.

- We pray that we will hunger for a deeper understanding of our faith as we participate in programs and events in our parishes that increase our knowledge of the Catholic faith and Church teachings.
- We pray that we will seek opportunities to deepen our faith life through prayer, Mass attendance and reception of the Sacraments.
- We pray that family life will be nurtured by a strong effort to practice our faith traditions and be nurtured by our relationship with Jesus.
- We pray that we will strive to grow in holiness as we follow the example of Jesus and live as his disciples.
- We pray that we will make an effort to discover ways in which we can share with one another the Gospel message and the faith we profess.

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