

CLOSING PRAYER:

Invite members of the BEC to pray spontaneously

CLOSING HYMN:

Mother Dear, O Pray For Us

Mother dear, O pray for us!
Whilst far from heav'n and thee.
We wander in a fragile bark,
O'er life's tempestuous sea.
O Virgin Mother, from thy throne,
So bright in bliss above.
Protect thy child and cheer our path
With thy sweet smile of love.

Chorus

**Mother dear, remember us!
And never cease thy care,
'Till in heaven eternally,
Thy love and bliss we share.**

Mother dear, O pray for us!
Should pleasure's siren lay.
E'er tempt thy child to wander far
From Virtue's path away.
When thorns beset life's devious way,
And darkling waters flow.
Then Mary aid thy weeping child,
Thyself a mother show.



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BEC Reflection

HOPE:

FAMILY POWERED



FOCUS: Relationship EVENT: Pentecost
SOCIAL MEDIA TREND: #HEispower

INTRODUCTION:

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Romans 5:5). A family powered by the Spirit of Christ will live out the love of God in and through their lives. People in the world are looking for joyful, hope-filled families. Seek His heart to know how he wants to use your family. Do not hinder the weaker ones. Be ready to encourage one another as the Lord leads your family to witness. Pray together continually. Yield your lives to His power and his purposes and be willing to do the work that you sense God is preparing for your family.

OPENING PRAYER:

Invite a member of the BEC to say the opening prayer.

OPENING HYMN:

Bind Us Together Lord

Chorus:

***Bind us together Lord,
bind us together with cords that
cannot be broken.***

***Bind us together Lord,
bind us together Lord,
bind us together in love.***

There is only one God,
there is only one King.
There is only one body,
that is why we sing! *(Chorus:)*

Fit for the family of God,
purchased by His Precious Blood.
Born with the right to be free:
Jesus the victory has won.

We are the family of God,
we are His promise divine,
we are His chosen desire,
we are the glorious new wine.

DIALOGUE:

THE WOODEN BOWL -

A touching story on Family, Love, Parents & Relationships

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and a four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together nightly at the dinner table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating rather difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass often milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about grandfather," said the son. I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor. So, the husband and wife set a small table in the corner.

There, grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner at the dinner table. Since grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. Sometimes when the family glanced in grandfather's direction, he had a tear in his eye as he ate alone.



Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son

playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making the bowl for you and mama to eat." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

Buzz with the person next to you. Buzz a second time with another Person

- What 'struck' you in the story above?
- How did the 4-year-old child bring hope between his parents and his grandfather?
- Based on your own experience, how does Christ strengthen relationships within your family?

DISCERNMENT:

Source: Jerusalem Bible

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited, it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offence or store up grievances.

Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but finds its joy in the truth.

It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.

Reflection:

- We shall reread the text and then remain in silence listening to God speaking to us in our hearts.
- We share on any word/phrase in the text that touched us.
- How can we grow in deeper relationship with God and with one another?

Deeds:

- Pray the rosary in your respective homes with special intentions for the Family for the next 7 consecutive days.
- As a BEC, arrange to visit & pray for the elderly & sick in a nearby nursing home or old folks' home.