



The water that I will give them will
become a spring of water within,
welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Parent Prayer Sheet – 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14), Jesus shares the powerful parable of the wedding banquet, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a lavish celebration prepared by a king for his son. For parents, this reading is a profound reminder that God's love is boundless, and He constantly extends an open invitation for our families to partake in His eternal joy. However, the parable also challenges us to look deeper at how we respond to that invitation. When the invited guests initially refused—letting everyday distractions, work, and worries take priority—it mirrors how easily we can get caught up in the hectic pace of family life, sports schedules, and daily stress, unintentionally pushing our relationship with God to the margins.

The story takes another striking turn with the guest who arrived without a wedding garment, reminding us that being part of God's kingdom requires more than just passive attendance or going through the motions. Just as we prepare our children for a major family celebration by teaching them how to act, dressing them nicely, and helping them understand the significance of the event, our faith requires active preparation and transformation. Putting on the "wedding garment" means consciously clothing ourselves and our children in Christ's virtues—such as boundless patience, deep forgiveness, radical hospitality, and everyday kindness. It encourages us to use our homes as holy ground where God's grace is practised, turning our ordinary, chaotic routines into sacred opportunities to reflect His love to one another and to the wider world.

How are you and your family finding moments in your busy week to pause and accept God's daily invitation?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the joyful invitation to share in Your eternal feast. Help us as parents to slow down amidst our busy daily routines so we never take Your love for granted. Clothe our family in Your patience, kindness, and grace, that we may reflect Your light to one another and to the world. Amen.

