

**PARENTS' PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN**

*Father, we have a simple prayer we place before you. Lay your healing hands upon all our children, including those who have walked or wandered away from the spiritual and sacramental practice of their faith. Bring them back, O Lord. They have turned for meaning to ways other than the practice of their Catholic faith.*

*There are still some remnants of faith, but Mass has become less important. They believe they are basically good people who want to be their best by being true to themselves as they live in today's culture. Our faith is often viewed as being mostly about rules, commandments, and mandates. There is little realization that faith is actually much less about these things and much more about You, and your love for us all. It is much more about living in the Truth that You are, O Lord.*

*A connection has gone missing. This is not fully grasped. There is need to grasp this simple truth—there is a deep need to be reconnected to You. The Vine. We who have loved them into life and formed them in faith, know that this connection to You is vital to their lives, their love, their happiness.*

*And so, we pray, O Lord. That those we love will soon recognize anew that You are real. Realize that Your Love alone abides. We so love our children, Lord. We so love You. Please guide them. Prompt them. Awaken them. May they come to realize that You, Father, as does the father of the prodigal son, go down to the road each evening to look for their return. As do we. It is for this return we pray. In the Name of Jesus, Your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.*

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