HOLY FAMILY - Year C

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 83(84):2-3,5-6,9-10

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,

is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

Just take a moment to be grateful in a holy place for God's presence there with us as his family Ask yourself how this helps you yearn to one day live with God in heaven

They are happy, who dwell in your house,

for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you,

in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.

Pray for all those women and men who live the enclosed life praying for us all the time Thank God for the strength he gives us to live as his children

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,

give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,

look on the face of your anointed.

Pray for God to hear the prayers of those who are finding family life a struggle at the moment Ask God's blessing to be our shield as we move from Christmas towards a new year

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