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## THE JOY OF LOVE

### Chapter 4 – Love in Marriage

“Patience refers to the quality of one who does not act on impulse and avoids giving offense.” 91

“Envy is a form of sadness provoked by another’s prosperity; it shows that we are not concerned for the happiness of others but only with our own well-being.” 95

“In the family, three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: "Please", "Thank you", "Sorry". Three essential words! Let us not be stingy about using these words, but keep repeating them, day after day.” 133

#### *Prayer to the Holy Family*

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendour of true love;  
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again experience  
violence, rejection and division;  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,  
and its beauty in God’s plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
Graciously hear our prayer.  
Amen.