

# Family Love Mirrors God's Love

Reflection by Bev McDonald August 2017



## Start the Meeting with Prayer

**Someone read: Hosea 11: 1, 3-4**

“When Israel was a child, I loved him... I took them up in my arms... I led them with cords of compassion, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.”

**Listen to the CD or read the Script:** *Share for a moment on what strikes you.*

The Music this month is ‘Lullaby Blessing’ by Helen Funnel from the Album ‘Walking on Water’

**Simply use the following questions as a guide to help your sharing.**

Pope Francis states that ‘*the joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the church*’ - what are some ways you experience joy in your family?

What is it like for you to pray using a Scripture verse like Ps 131 or Hosea 11 and imagining God speaking personally to you?

Share one of your own memories of God acting in your life.

How can memories like that help you and your family in difficult times?

Does it seem easy or difficult to sense God tenderly loving you like a mother holding a child? *Try asking God to help you experience that tenderness as you hold your child this week.*

What are some other ways you experience God's tenderness?

**Pray for each others' intentions and conclude with this prayer together.**

*Let us make this journey as families,  
let us keep walking together.  
What we have been promised  
is greater than we can imagine.  
May we never lose heart  
because of our limitations,  
or ever stop seeking  
that fullness of love and communion  
which God holds out before us.*

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

**From: Amoris Laetitia 325**

## No. 2 From Our Charter For your reflection this month

**From the first moment of conception, God breathes life into a child, making the mother and father partners with Him in creation.**

*“It was You who created my being; knit me together in my mother's womb.*

*I thank you for the wonder of my being.” Psalm 139*