

## (Sample Bulletin Announcement)

### Celebrating the Rite of the Blessing of the Child in the Womb

Join us in celebrating and praying for mothers, fathers, and families, and for children in the womb. On Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_ Mass will include a special blessing for unborn children and their expectant parents. We will also pray for couples who are hoping for the gift of a child and for couples who have suffered the loss of a child.

Please RSVP to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ if you wish to receive the blessing.

## (Sample Prayers of the Faithful)

### ***Celebrant:***

Let us present our prayers through Jesus, our Light and our Life, who calls us his brothers and sisters, as we respond, "Lord, hear our prayer."

### ***Lector:***

1. For the Church commissioned to preach the gospel: may its response to the Gospel call always echo Mary's "yes," *we pray to the Lord...*
2. For leaders of nations working for peaceful solutions to global conflict, and for our elected officials entrusted with serving the common good: may they serve with respect and understanding and bring God's justice to all, *we pray to the Lord...*
3. For all mothers and fathers who await the birth of a child, especially those present here today, and may the Lord protect all unborn sons and daughters and bring them to a safe delivery, *we pray to the Lord...*
4. For all married couples who are struggling to conceive a child, may the Lord grant them peace as they trust in his will, *we pray to the Lord...*
5. For all of us gathered here in worship: may we find inspiration in Mary's trust to surrender our lives to Christ, *we pray to the Lord...*
6. For those who have died, and those who grieve and mourn, especially parents who have lost a child: may they find consolation in God's promise of life, *we pray to the Lord...*

### ***Celebrant:***

O God of mercy,  
who raised up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things,  
be with us in our need,  
so that in all that we do we may proclaim your goodness  
and offer ourselves for your service.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*