



Prayer of Blessing for Expecting Parents and Couples Hoping to Conceive or adopt a Child

*Gracious Father,
Your word, spoken in love, created the human family and,
in the fullness of time, your Son, conceived in love,
restored it to your friendship.*

*For the women, who have already conceived a child,
Help them to enter into the mystery unfolding within the womb,
by accepting and cherishing this gift of life.
Strengthen them so that they freely offer their minds, bodies & spirits as
unique gifts to these children.*

*Watch over and support these parents and
bring their children into this world safely & in good health,
so that as members of your family
they may praise you and glorify you
through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ*

*For couples who are hoping to conceive or adopt a child,
Lord, we ask you to guide these couples as their desire for a child grows
stronger each day.
Calm their anxieties and help them to look to You
for insight to make their dreams of parenthood a reality.
Stir in their hearts the desire to follow your will in all their decisions
and deepen their faith in your plan for their family.
If it is your will, grant these couples
the gift of a child, through conception or adoption
so that you may be glorified through their human family.*

Blessing of the St. Gerard Medals

Concluding Rite

*May God, the source of all life,
protect you by His goodness.*

R: Amen

*May the Son nourish your faith,
build your hope,
and deepen in you the gift of His love.*

R: Amen

