

### ***Blessing for Parents***

*Loving God, creator of all life,*

*today we pray for N. and N.*

*who await the birth of their child.*

*Bless them and enfold them with your love and peace*

*as they yearn for the happy day*

*when they will hold and name their child.*

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*May they accept the privilege and responsibility*

*of parenthood with great joy;*

*may they know the prayers and support*

*of their families and this community of faith.*

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*You who live and reign, with the Holy Spirit,*

*one God, forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

### ***Blessing for the Child in the Womb***

*Loving God, creator of all life,*

*protect the child you are forming in this mother.*

*Keep away all harm,*

*and accompany this loved one*

*to the wonder of birth and the marvel of Baptism.*

*May this child know*

*the joy of a life nurtured with faith, hope and love.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*