



**MARY'S HOMES OF HOPE**  
PROVIDING HOMES THAT ARE "INNS"  
OF FAITH, HOPE & PRAYER

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## *Our Father*

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. Jn 3:16

Some thoughts on how "Our Father" loves us. The ultimate love can be seen in this picture >>>>>>>>

When the Father's Son dies on the Cross for our sins and through this perfect sacrifice the gates of Heaven are opened so we can get back home.

Following the Father's plan of salvation, His Son takes on our flesh and does the Father's will. Jesus shows us how to love God and others. He shows us how to forgive, how to be merciful, how to be charitable, how to suffer, how to know hope, how to know happiness, how to trust in Him, how to be obedient. The gift of His Church and sacraments gives us His most supernatural gift of all – Himself.

He assures us that through the gift of His priests He will be with us until the end of time and through this gift He gives the perpetual gift of "fatherhood" and family.



We thank God for His gift of St. Joseph, as role of father, who's calling was to be head of the Holy Family, represents the attributes of what being a father is – selfless, loving, righteous, defender, faithful, teacher that leads us closer to God and to heaven. So if we want to know what it looks like to be father – go to St. Joseph.

### **St. Joseph pray for all fathers.**

So all of you fathers have a most beautiful and prominent role and witness of how to live this life of faith and lead your family home. We thank God for the gift of all fathers.

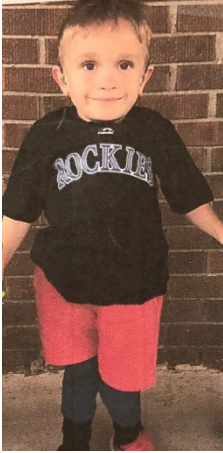
To finish where we started ---- Meditate on God's love for us by giving us His Son on a cross – Meditate on the Father's sorrow – Meditate on thanksgiving to the Father.

Almighty Father, you who live in love and happiness, while on earth the storms shout and the passions cry. You, who say that I should share everything, feeling completely the suffering of your children, show me Your Peace, guide me to that deepest area where pain cannot enter, where words, smiles and peace bud forth, where everything is happiness because everything is happiness. Oh Love, from which I was born, mirror my soul. Amen



# In Thanksgiving to Our Father

## One Families Journey



Most recently, I'm defined as Cooper's mom. Before that it was just Campbell's mom. Before that I was Brian's wife, a daughter, a sister, a cousin – you get it. Life has changed. My 8 year old son Cooper has a rare degenerative, genetic disease. My 11 year old daughter Campbell is our "typical" kid. Here I am addressing all the stuff that goes through my head as we profree on our rare disease journey. It's mostly the hard stuff. The fun stuff is in all the pics on Instagram and stories and check ins on Facebook. Here is where life gets real. Last summer I saw Andy Grammer in concert for the first time. It was an upbeat, super-fun show! At one point he slowed down to perform "Good Parts." And I couldn't help to cry when I heard it. That's it. "Show me where it hurts, but don't leave the Good Parts out." I needed to show where it hurts. If you'd like to see the Good Parts too, follow me on Instagram, @caktippett [View all posts by Christine Tippett.](#)

## Reflecting On Our Journey

On infusion days, Cooper can be found WIDE AWAKE long after his bed time. He's happy and chatty. Tonight he couldn't fall asleep in his bed, so he grabbed his book and crawled into our bed to read until I could join him. He finally wound down and closed his eyes. As I watch him peacefully sleep after a long day at the hospital, with Rare Disease Day quickly approaching, my heart had some things to say...

Thank you Lord for this journey with Cooper.

For the empathy it continues to teach me.

For finding my voice as an advocate for Cooper, and figuring out how to advocate for myself at the same time.

For the compassion I have grown to have for people in all walks of life.

For the angels on earth we meet along the way – those who lift us up.

Please give me strength to fight the battles.

Please give me wisdom to know which battles to fight.

Please give me the grace to be the mother I need to be for both Cooper and Campbell.

Please give me the energy, words and actions to pay it forward and adequately recognize and thank those angels among us.

Thank you for this journey. Please continue to show us the way.

Amen.

**Happy Father's Day \*\*\*\*\* You are All in our prayers.**

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