Prayer for Parents

Gracious and loving God
you have blessed us with the privilege of becoming Parents.
   We ask that you provide us with all that we need
in accepting this awesome responsibility.

   We pray that we will be open to your spirit
   who is our source of strength
   as we witness to our children
   your love for each of them and your desire for them
   to be happy and to live a full life.

   We ask your help
so we may guide and encourage our children
to believe that they each have a special calling
and to use their gifts and talents for others.

   We pray, Heavenly Father,
that our children will discover
and respond enthusiastically to your desire for them
whether it be to the vocation of single, married,
ordained or consecrated life.

   We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus
through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

       Amen.