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# **Pope's prayer intention for August 2018**

No family is perfect. Love is demanding, although there is no greater happiness. There are many ways to approach the ideal of a Christian family (see "The Joy of Love" 32-57).

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But what all of them have in common is respect for others and lasting love, values that make them a treasure that must be protected.

“When speaking of families, often the image of a treasure comes to my mind.

Today's rhythm of life, stress, pressure at work, and also the little attention paid by institutions, could put them in danger.

It's not enough to talk about their importance: it's necessary to promote concrete means and to develop their role in society with a good family policy.

Together, let us ask Jesus that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity"

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