

All loving God,
you created the human family
as a reflection of your own divine life
so that your creation might share in your happiness.

Hear our prayer for your daughter
who awaits the birth of her child.
She has cooperated with you in giving life.
Assist her now as she prepares to give birth
to the child in her womb.
May Mary be her guide and support,
calming her fears and strengthening her love.

May your daughter be filled with your peace and
blessing
so that she may bring her child into this world
safely and in good health to the praise and
glory of your name.

Father, we thank you for your marvellous gift; you
have allowed us to share in your divine parenthood.
During this time of waiting, we ask you to protect
and nurture these first mysterious stirrings of life.
May our child come safely into the light of the world
and to the new birth of baptism. Mother of God, we
entrust our child to your loving heart. Amen.