



DAILY FAMILY PRAYERS.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR MARCH.

*Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the
Pope for all the Associates.*

IF we would restore the reign of order in the world and prop up the tottering edifice of human society, we ought to commence at the foundation by making the family more thoroughly Christian. What the family is, the church and the nation must be. It is not only the foundation on which both edifices, social and religious, rest, but it is the root whence they draw life and nourishment. Hence the important part allotted to the family in the work of the Redemption. The Saviour of mankind, dwelling amongst us in mortal flesh, with His foster-father Joseph and His mother Mary, gave the world the perfect pattern of a Christian family. Afterwards He raised the marriage contract to a sacramental dignity, pouring into it one of the seven-fold streams of His Precious Blood to make of it the fecund and holy root of the Christian family. He invested parents before the eyes of the children with the mantle of a divine authority to command and correct them in His name, in so far forth as their age and inexperience required; and on the