Lord, we graciously thank you for the blessing of all our children. We humbly pray that your grace is with them as they discern their way through humanity’s many difficult issues. Grant our sons the strength and resolve to:

* say yes to Your word and to follow Your commandments fully
* say yes to becoming a man for others and selflessly be a servant to those in need
* say yes to fully utilizing all the intellectual and physical talents that You have blessed them with
* say yes to faithfully attending Mass and to fully participate in the Sacraments
* say yes to displaying respect and humility as they interact with those in their daily lives, and
* say yes to a prayerful life by spending quiet moments in daily meditation and in conversation with you, Lord

Father, please also grant our sons the wisdom and courage to turn from the many pitfalls that plague our society. Help them to:

* say no to sloth and apathy in their spiritual life
* say no to the abuse of drugs and alcohol
* say no to the abuse of their bodies through inappropriate sexual relations
* say no to the destruction of life and the deterioration of our moral fabric caused by abortion
* say no to committing crimes against society, and
* say no to those around them when they place pressure on our sons to compromise their moral conscience

Lastly Lord, we ask You to grant our sons the faith, when confronted with any difficult issue, to bring it to You and ask, “God, what do You want me to do?”

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen