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**Dear praying friends in Europe –**

*“Jesus taught us how to be a family,  
Jesus taught us how to be a family,  
Loving one another with love that he gives,  
Jesus taught us how to be a family.”*

(Graham Kendrick, 1986)

How is *your* family? Are you sad or happy? So many are frustrated with their spouses. Or their children. Or their parents. What Graham tells us from his experience: We all need teaching how to live in a family. And we have such a good teacher: JESUS. But still more: He not only teaches us. He *gives* us also what we need: Love. LOVE! Read Romans 5:5 and receive it.



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**Marriage and Family – as vital as ever**

Some say: “It’s old fashioned!” Others say: “Times have changed. Many other formats of living together have appeared and become common, so “Mum, Dad and Kids” obviously is only one format of “family today””. So prayer is necessary for marriage and family life in Europe as well as good arguments.

**Same sex families**

Society needs reproduction, needs children. It is a given fact that God who created all nature created it in a polar structure with male and female. There is no other way in all creation to generate a new generation than through a man and a woman. So marriage is to be defined as a relationship between two (not three or more!) persons: a man and a woman. Partnerships between two men or two women are undoubtedly not fertile. This is not discrimination, it is fact. Therefore it is not fair nor just to grant to these couples the same legal rights as to two sex married couples.

**Mom, Dad and Kids-Families**

Why? Because God created the world in this way. He ordained that a human baby needs a father and a mother to grow to maturity. Every same sex “family” knows, if honest, what really is lacking. Mothers are in general involved more in developing the emotions of a child, fathers more in their courage in facing the difficulties of life. They both have a God given distinctive mandate. And it is their responsibility to exercise their mandate for the best of the new generation.

**Further items**

- Please (!) register at the European Citizens Initiative (ECJ) [www.mumdadandkids.eu](http://www.mumdadandkids.eu)  
Only one quarter of the 1 Million quorum have registered so far.
- Pray for peace and reconciliation in the USA (next issue)

**What Children learn in their family**

In a family with reliable parents children can learn reliability in mutual relationships especially in times of stress. They can rest in the love of their parents and so develop a primal sense of love which is basic for all their life. Looking to their parents they are copying their behaviour, adjusting to their ethics and are believing what they believe and how they are practicing their faith. And much more!

**Political aspects**

“Normal” families are undoubtedly the backbone of our European society both in numbers and also in its mental and physical health. If this is so, all states should establish in their legislations pro-family conditions as well as favourable conditions for families in their economy.

**Prayer**

- Praise the wisdom of God in establishing two sex marriages and family in his world.
- Let us mourn before God about all the perversion of God’s good gifts.
- Let us pray for all married couples for protection, for lasting love and for wisdom how to educate kids.
- Pray for better political and economic pro-family conditions.