

FAITH FORMATION AT HOME

BRIEF FAITH ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME.
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Community Prayers

Families can grow in awareness of people in their church and community who are in need of prayer. Family members of all ages can pray for others and let people know they are praying for them.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Blank cards and envelopes or postcards, pen, markers or crayons, church bulletin or newsletter, stamps, congregational directory (optional). You may wish to prepare by looking in your church newsletter, and address book, your worship bulletin, or online for a list of individuals requesting prayer. You can also have your family create a list of names of people who may need prayer in their schools, and community.

PRAY: *Loving God, you care for all who are in need. Watch over everyone who needs your help, especially (name individuals mentioned on the lists you gathered). Amen.*

DISCUSS:

We can pray to God to comfort these people and the people who are taking care of them. (If you have a congregational directory or have pictures of those people through social media, look up the pictures of people who are named on the prayer list.)

ACTIVITY:

Make cards to send to the people named on the prayer list to let them know your family is praying for them. If it is a long list, you may want to complete one or two cards each day. For each card, invite children to use markers to decorate the front of a blank card or postcard. As a family, decide on the message to write and have an older child or adult write it on the card with a pen. Have an older youth or adult address the envelope or postcard, and have a child place the stamp on it. **Optional alternative:** You can also make a photo/video "card" if you do not have addresses or materials. Take pictures or record your child(ren)'s cards or of them holding a sign they have decorated that says "we are praying for you" and share it with those individuals online.

If possible, walk as a family to the mailbox (or before you hit "send" if online) to deposit your card(s) for delivery. Say the following prayer: *Dear God, please bless (name the individual(s) to whom card is being sent) who will receive this card and the person who will deliver it. Amen.*