

## Summer Prayer Corner

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Create a summertime prayer corner in your home, in your yard, or on your deck, patio, or balcony. It can serve as a sacred space for prayer and teach reverence for the holy.

**For**  
Young Family

**Season**  
Summer

### Needed

Small table or sturdy box; covering such as a tablecloth, table runner, or colorful napkins or scarves; battery-powered candle; items with religious meaning (crucifix, cross, sculpture, icons, picture of Jesus); Bible and/or prayer book; optional: flowers

### Prepare in Advance

Consider possible locations for your summer prayer corner. Gather supplies from the list above.

### Activity Plan

1. Gather as a family and talk about how a summer prayer corner can remind family members of God's love and care. It also is a reminder that home is a sacred place where God dwells, even on those days when it doesn't feel like it! Pray aloud:

*Gracious God, may the words of our mouths and the love in our hearts be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

2. Work together to choose a place to set up the prayer corner. It likely will be inside your home, but if you have a protected space outside on a patio or in the yard, that could be a lovely sacred space for prayer.
3. Work together to set up the table or box and cover it with a tablecloth, scarves or other fabric. On it, place a battery-powered candle, Bible, prayer book, and other items that have special religious meaning for your family. Perhaps include photos of loved ones to remember in prayer. If you have a garden, include a small vase to hold a fresh flower or two. Invite family members to add or exchange items in the prayer corner as the summer progresses.
4. Light the candle and invite family members to offer sentence prayers for your family and your summer plans.
5. Plan to leave the prayer corner in place all summer as a place where family members can gather for prayer and conversation. Encourage family members to use this corner as individuals when they are looking for a quiet, sacred place to have a conversation with God.