

## Window Prayers

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Write prayers for each other and for your friends and on windows and mirrors in your home and car.

### For

Teen Family

### Season

Spring

### Needed

Window markers, paper, pencils

### Prepare in Advance

Purchase window markers.



### Activity Plan

1. Say a family prayer together. Use one you learned as a kid, or one that your family says before grace, or one that one of the kids knows. If you're unsure, try this one:

*Come, Lord Jesus,  
Be our guest.  
Let these gifts to us be blessed.  
Amen.*

2. Read together Luke 18:9-14 (see next page). Discuss these questions:
  - What were the two prayers in this story?
  - Why do you think Jesus thought the tax collector's prayer was better than the Pharisee's prayer?
  - Why is it important to be humble in our prayers to God?
3. Talk about some ways that your family could use prayer to support each other, other family members, friends, or the community. If you have time, do an online search for inspirational quotes that could be used as a part of your prayers.
4. Have everyone write down a few people they could pray for and what kinds of prayers they could say. For example:

*Dear God, please help Mom ask for help when she's feeling overwhelmed.*  
Or  
*Dear God, Please help my sister Shannon remember to smile today.*

5. Give everyone a window marker. Have each family member pick someone to write a prayer to and go write it in a place they'll see it. Prayers could go on mirrors, bedroom windows, car windows (not the windshield), or other places.
6. Encourage everyone to share these prayers with other friends and family.
7. Shoot a video of your kid(s) giving a tour of all the places there are prayers in your home and post it to **Vibrant Faith @ Home**.

## Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

