

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



# TAKING PRAYER HOME

## LEARNING ABOUT PRAYER

- Find a prayer in song form to learn.
- Teach young children how to pray by allowing them to repeat what you say.
- Learn the Lord's Prayer off by heart; maybe make up actions to help you.
- Find some bible verses which can also be prayers and learn them together—check out the Psalms.
- Brainstorm and discuss ways to start prayers and finish prayers.
- Create the habit of lighting a candle when you pray.
- Have an object to pass around when you pray. Whoever has it chooses to pray out loud or can pass it on.
- Find out the meaning of kneeling and crossing yourself when praying.
- Learn Martin Luther's Morning and Evening Prayer and say them at the beginning and end of each day. You can find these prayers in a tract from Lutheran Tract Mission. ([www.ltm.org.au](http://www.ltm.org.au))



## HAVING FUN WITH PRAYER

- Pray for each other.
- Make a prayer card for each other.
- Write prayers on balloons and hang them up around your house.
- Make a prayer book in a small photo album or scrapbook and put photos in it of all the people you would like to pray for.
- Find some rocks and paint them or draw on them with permanent marker. Then use them as a tool to keep your focus while praying by holding them in the palm of your hand.
- Make a prayer jar by writing prayer topics on pop sticks and placing them in a decorated jar. Each person prays for the topic they pull out of the jar.
- Draw or write sorry prayers into sand and then smooth it over as a sign that God forgives your sins.

- Go out and do some gardening together or walk around your garden. Then sit in the garden and pray to God, thanking Him for his amazing creation.
- Play some quiet music while you pray.
- Make up a prayer rap.
- Invent a new grace to say before your meal or a thank you prayer for after your meal.
- Use play dough to help for younger children to express what they are thankful to God for.

## SERVING WITH PRAYER

- Take time at home to pray for the people who need help in your community.
- Find a map of the world and research and pray for a new country each day. Place post it notes on the map near countries that need particular prayers for peace or natural disaster.
- Make a prayer wall, book or poster. Stick pictures, photos, or write names of people you want to regularly remember in your prayers.
- Ask God how you can help Him fulfil the prayers and needs, of other people.
- Join a prayer team or make one of your own.
- Open your Facebook friends list and pray for random people on there.
- Find someone who goes to hospitals or retirement village to visit and pray with people. Talk to them about what they do, have them over for dinner to thank them or ask if you can go with them one time.
- Watch 'Fenceposts of Hope' on the Lutheran Media YouTube channel which is a great story about how a couple found a way to serve with prayer.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aV9jY0W-Y0g>

