

Summer Prayer KIT

Pray all summer long!

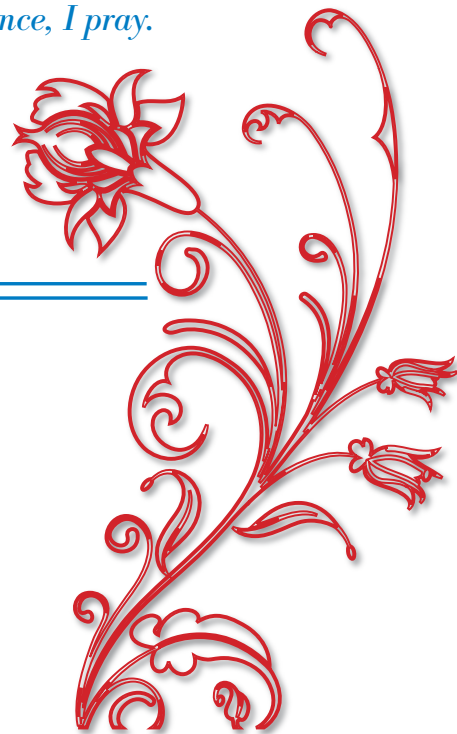
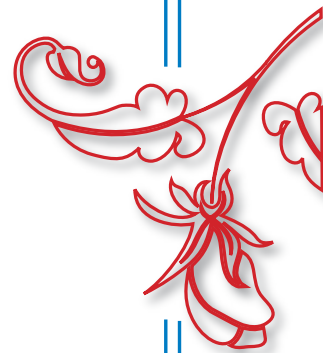
- Remember and honor veterans and those who suffer the consequences of war with a **Prayer of Remembrance** on Memorial Day and throughout the summer 1
- Thank God for the gift of summer and the chance for restful moments with a **Prayer for Summer Sabbath** 2
- Remember the great gift of freedom and the individual and national responsibility independence entails with a **Prayer for Celebrating Freedom** on July 4th and always 3
- Give thanks to god for the beauty of summer with a **Prayer for Summer Joy** 4
- Pray for those who work for the goodness and glory of God with a **Prayer for Labor Day** 5



Prayer of Remembrance

*My heart turns to you as I embrace the
somber significance of this day.
Bring healing to those who suffer the
horrible consequences of war.
Mend the rifts that pit nation against nation.
Give us the grace to find alternatives to
vengeance and violence, and the courage
to advocate for peaceful solutions to our conflicts.
Center our hope in your so that, like the prophet Isaiah,
we, too, envision a world without war.
With all hope in your power and presence, I pray.*

Amen.





Prayer for Summer Sabbath

God of All Creation,

Thank you for the gift of Summer.

*As the demands of the school year ease, help us to relax
and to find delight in inactivity.*

*Deepen our connection with the natural world—
the leafing of trees, the emergence of rosebuds,
the birdsong, and the patter of afternoon rain.*

*Grace us with restful moments in which all we have
to do is attune ourselves to your presence.*

In so doing, refresh our spirits and restore our energy.

With gratitude for the gifts of your creation, we pray.

Amen.



Prayer for Celebrating Freedom

Heavenly Father,

Make me ever-mindful of the gift of freedom.

Deliver me from over-indulgence and greed.

*May I come to know the satisfaction that comes with
temperance and restraint.*

Guard me from self-righteousness and rash judgments.

May I savor the insight that accompanies prudence and discretion.

Bolster me when I simply follow the crowd and ignore my best instincts.

May I discover the grace that attends fortitude and courage.

Help me overcome quests for vengeance or temptations towards violence.

May I cherish each opportunity to work for justice and mercy.

*Let our pursuit of happiness as a nation be grounded in virtue,
guided by your Spirit
and grounded in the examples and teachings of your Son
and our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Amen.



A Prayer of Summer Joy

*Loving God,
we give you thanks for the beauty
of summer.*

*Let us join with other creatures in emerging
from winter darkness into the full light
of the season.*

*May love emerge in us as well,
giving rise to praise for you and for the gifts
of your creation.*

*Help us to weather the storms that hit without
warning and do damage to heart and soul.*

*Turn our faces towards the sun
and let joy be the mantle we carry
throughout this blessed time.*

In your holy name, we pray.

Amen.

Prayer for Labor Day

Bless, O God, all those who labor.

Whether they are compensated by paycheck or pride,
let them know their true worth in your eyes.

May all workers be gifted with a sense of service to
the common good, and graced with the satisfaction
of a job well done.

Thank you for those whose work provides protection,
comfort, healing, and relief from suffering and stress.

May all of our labors be for your goodness and glory,
O God.

Amen.