



July 2017

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<p align="center">A Summer Prayer</p> <p>Lord God, We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Set up a prayer space in your home. It may be a quiet area and include a table with religious pictures/statues/objects</p>
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Help your children write a grace before meals to use at dinner.	Make a cake with red, white and blue icing before attending the Fourth of July Parade.	Fly the flag, say the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer of thanks for the gift of freedom.	As a family set a goal or two for your summer time together. What do you want to be able to say you did together by the end of August?	Play board games or make it a family board game night.	Go to Explore & More at Canalside (11am-2pm.) Talk with your children about how Jesus may have played when he was a child	Visit a historical site near your home. (Fillmore House, Hubbard Museum or Roycroft Shops.)
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Say, "Hello!" to the people you sit next to at Mass today.	Volunteer to help someone.	Go bird-watching. If it's raining watch the Bird Cam at: watch.birds.cornell.edu/nestcams/home/index	Have an hour of no electronic devices in the house.	Google pictures of Jesus. Select one (or have each family member select one) to print and post in your home.	Memorial of St. Kateri Tekawitha Google today's saint. At dinner talk about how we can care for God's creation.	Roast marshmallows over a campfire.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Ask grandpa, grandma or another family member what they remember about making their First Communion or Confirmation.	Pick your own ~ whatever. Find a farm with blueberries, strawberries, tomatoes, flowers, etc., and get picking.	Play a card game. Maybe Crazy Eights or Fish. Take your pick.	At dinner say a prayer for the last three people you called/texted on your phone. Those without phones may pray for those in mom/dad's phone.	Do a good deed. Keep it a secret.	As a family sit together for one minute in prayerful silence.	Explain to your child/children why you gave him or her the name you did.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Play dress up. (Moms and Dads too!) 30 Take a friend to Mass with you.	Go to the zoo or a local farm. 31 Put an "I love you" note on someone's pillow.	Have every family member write a note to mail to an extended family member. Include that you are praying for him/her in the note.	Go see The Wizard of Oz at 11am @ Aurora Theater. Talk about the gifts God has given each of you.	Look up the readings for this Sunday's Mass. Discuss them as a family at dinner tonight.	Blow bubbles. Share your responses to, "Is God more like a stone or a soap bubble?"	Purchase something at the Farmer's Market/ Sidewalk Sale to donate to Fish.



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<p>Check out "Strong Catholic Families" on Facebook.</p>		<p>1 Help your children write a prayer to say together before you go Back to School Shopping.</p>	<p>2 Recycle all those papers, jars and cans as a reminder to care for God's creation.</p>	<p>3 Decorate a candle for your family to use for dinner/prayer. You can use paint or decoupage glue with pictures.</p>	<p>4 St. John Vianney Feast Day—Patron of parish priests. Say a prayer for our Pastor and all priests who served our parish.</p>	<p>5 Stargaze. Be in awe of God who made the heavens & the earth.</p>
<p>6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Watch the glimmer of sunshine on a pool of water.</p>	<p>7 Have an hour of no electronic devices in the house.</p>	<p>8 Rent a DVD (or borrow one from the library) to watch together.</p>	<p>9 Pray to your patron saint. Google pictures of him/her. Print your favorite one and post it in your home.</p>	<p>10 Go to www.wordle.net and create a Wordle for your family.</p>	<p>11 Watch the clouds and guess at what they could be. Make up a story about the characters/shapes in the clouds.</p>	<p>12 Go fishing. If not for fish, then "fish" for favorite verses or stories in the Bible. See how many you can find.</p>
<p>13 At dinner have everyone share their favorite thing in our church. (statue, picture, etc.)</p>	<p>14 Play tag, hopscotch, or one of your favorite childhood games.</p>	<p>15 Feast of the Assumption. Pray the rosary as a family.</p>	<p>16 Visit a local nursing home. Call ahead to arrange.</p>	<p>17 Bake cookies and take them to a homeless shelter.</p>	<p>18 Make a fort inside your house with chairs, blankets/couch cushions.</p>	<p>19 Eat dinner for breakfast and breakfast for dinner.</p>
<p>20 Have everyone bring an object to dinner that reminds them of God. Share your objects before or after dinner.</p>	<p>21 Make a picture frame out of popsicle sticks. Glue rocks, buttons or beans onto the frame.</p>	<p>22 Catch lightning bugs. And then watch them flicker away into the night.</p>	<p>23 Take bike rides for fun. Either leave from your own house or drive to a biking trail.</p>	<p>24 Have milkshakes for breakfast.</p>	<p>25 Make your own rain. Douse everyone with the hose or sprinkler.</p>	<p>26 Decorate your walkways with chalk. Have the kids draw what they think God looks like.</p>
<p>27 Have everyone share who their favorite saint is and why.</p>	<p>28 Take fresh bread or fruit to a shut-in.</p>	<p>29 Take a hike. Choose a route near your house or take a drive to a park.</p>	<p>30 Camp in. Put the sleeping bags on the floor and have a family slumber party.</p>	<p>31 "Where have you seen God this summer?" Have everyone answer this question at dinner tonight.</p>	<p>Immaculate Conception Parish 520 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, New York 14052 (716) 652-6400 Website: www.icchurchea.org</p>	