

## Creating a place of prayer at home



A simple prayer table at home can be a wonderful addition to aid your family's prayer life. Create it **with** your child. Keep it simple, beautiful, and something your child can use independently.

Possible items to include:

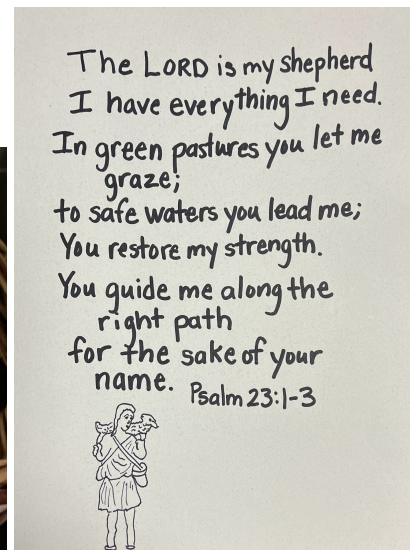
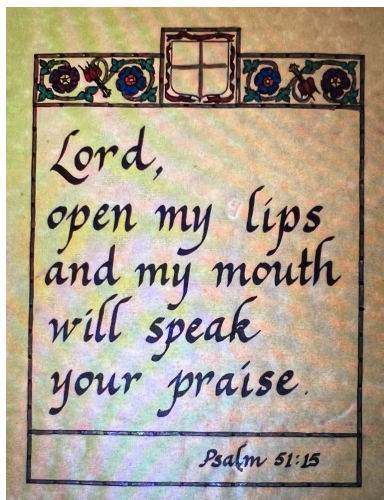
- Low table or bench
- Small cushion to invite individual prayer
- A small shelf or basket nearby to hold the prayer table articles
- A medium-sized "real/important-looking" (preferably leather-bound) Bible
- A lovely cushion or a bookstand for the Bible
- A taper candle in a polishable metal candleholder or battery-operated candle
- Four prayer tablecloths in the 4 liturgical colors (green, purple, white, and red)
- Two or three small statues: the Good Shepherd, the Blessed Mother or Madonna and Child, the Holy Family
- Prayer cards stored in boxes or baskets for easy access
- Prayer card stands
- Optional: Holy cards or religious art cards

### Prayer Card Collections for 3-6-year-olds:

- One-word or very short phrase prayers:
  - Amen!, Alleluia!, Hosanna!, Glory to God!, Peace be with you, Praise the Lord!
- Some short verses expressing praise and thanksgiving or images of God
  - Psalm 23: 1-3, 51:15, 118:27, John 8:12, John 10:11etc.
- 5 Advent (Messianic) Prophecies:
  - The Great Light- Isaiah 9:1a
  - The Names of the Messiah- Isaiah 9:5
  - The Mother- Isaiah 7:14
  - The Birthplace (Bethlehem)- Micah 5:1a
  - The Star and the Scepter- Numbers 24:17

## Prayer Card Collections for 6-12-year-olds:

- Psalms of praise and thanksgiving for God's Word and creation:
  - Psalm 16:11, 23:1-4, 19:2, 89:12, 33:6, 104:24, 104:14, 113:1-4, 119:105
- Prayer cards that express awareness of our need for God's protection and help, as well as our need for forgiveness and reconciliation:
  - Psalm 43:1, 51:15, 18:3, 124:8, 121:1-2, 58:10, 17:8, 3:5, 51:10, 91:4, 27:1
- The Advent Prophecies
  - The Great Light- Isaiah 9:1a
  - The Names of the Messiah- Isaiah 9:5
  - The Mother- Isaiah 7:14
  - The Birthplace (Bethlehem)- Micah 5:1a
  - The Star and the Scepter- Numbers 24:17
  - The Hills and Valleys - Isaiah 40:3-5
  - The Shoot of Jesse- 11:1-3
  - The Peaceable Kingdom- 11:6-9
- Prayer Samples: The Our Father, The Hail Mary, The Gloria, etc.
- Selections from infancy narrative prayer samples:
  - The Magnificat, Simeon's prayer, and Zachariah's Canticle
- The "I AM" statements of Jesus



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