

Creating a Prayer Space at home

This increased time at home reminds us that we can pray at any time and in any place. God is always there. But much like having a table to eat at, it's great to have a place to gather where you know you can pray.

Here's some tips to create that prayer space in your house. It works for families or individuals.

1. Identify a table: When choosing furniture that your child will use, look for sturdy, yet easy-to-move pieces. Remember the height of your youngest worshipers, don't make the table too high.
2. An Altar Cloth: You can choose a cloth that represents the colors of our Liturgical Year: blue, green, purple, red and white. (During Lent we use purple. At Easter we switch to white.) You may find material to use for your prayer cloth, or use table runners or large cloth napkins.
3. A Bible. During Sunday mornings we use the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). The Common English Bible (CEB) or the New International Version (NIV) work well too. Any Bible you have or like is still the Word of God. Check out all translations at [Bible Gateway](#).
4. Bible Stand or Pillow. You may want a stand or small pillow to hold your Bible.
5. Statue or Sacred Art. Don't have one? Make one or find some pictures you like on the internet.
6. Small Kneeler or Cushion for anyone to rest on in private prayer.
7. Candle and Candle Tray. We light a candle at the start of our worship, to recall that God's Word is a light for us. We keep a small tray, containing a candle, a candle snuffer or extinguisher and a container for spent matches near our prayer table. The matches should always be in a covered box, accessible only to the adult.
8. Take time to pray. Use your Book of Common Prayer (BCP). You can find it [online](#) or as a [PDF](#). You can pray the Daily Office which includes Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline. There's a rite one and a rite two of all, except Compline. Don't forget about the other prayers in the back of the BCP if you need some confidence, or want to pray for our world.

Miss singing songs? Search for your favorites on YouTube or Spotify. There's even different variations of your favorites.