

Week of: September 18, 2022 -

Theme: Growth

A Prayer for Growing in Fruitfulness

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Week of: July 3, 2022 -

Theme: Summer

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Dear Father,

We are so thankful for this nation. For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, we are grateful. Thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America. Help us never to take these blessings for granted.



Acts 17:26-27 - From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

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**Week of: July 10, 2022 -
Theme: Summer**

Pray for Rest

Dear Lord,
Sometimes our minds are frazzled, our hands are full, and our emotions are reeling with all the things we have to do. Help us to come to you in the middle of being overwhelmed. Remind us of your ever-present help in our times of need. Show us how to rest in You. Reveal to us both the beauty in the work and in the rest. Calm our anxious thoughts and encourage our hearts with Your nearness. Amen.



Matthew 11:28–30 *Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.*

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A Prayer for Growing in Courage

Dear God, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, hope when I feel rejected, and peace when I am in turmoil. Amen.



Joshua 1:9 *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

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**Week of: July 17, 2022 -
Theme: Summer**

Pray for Renewal and Contentment

Dear Lord Jesus,
Help us to set healthy boundaries and prioritize. Set our focus on things above and keep our eyes on You. Reveal to us what we should hold on to, and what we need to let go. Empower and equip us for the work You have for us. Give us the lasting strength of abiding in You. Renew our mind, body, and spirit, Lord, and make us whole. Amen.



1 Timothy 6:6 - But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Isaiah 40:31 - Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

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**Week of: July 24, 2022 -
Theme: Summer**

Pray for Peace

Dear Lord, Across your world we see so much unravelling. So many more questions than answers. We pray for your still voice of calm. Hold us, mold us, shape us. Make us vessels of peace. Show us how to embrace your Kingdom in a world that needs to know You. A world that needs Jesus. May He be our peace. Amen.



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**Week of: August 28, 2022 -
Theme: Nature**

A Prayer for Nature's Glory

Sovereign Lord, You made the earth by the power of Your Word and preserve it by Your Wisdom. With Your own understanding You stretched out the heavens. When You speak in the thunder, You announce that the heavens are filled with water. You cause the clouds to rise over the earth. You send the lightning with the rain and release the wind from Your storehouses. Holy, holy, holy are You the Lord of Heaven's Armies; the whole earth is filled with Your glory! In Jesus Name, Amen.



***Psalms 19:1-3** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.*

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Week of: August 21, 2022 -

Theme: Nature

A Prayer for Nature's Consistency

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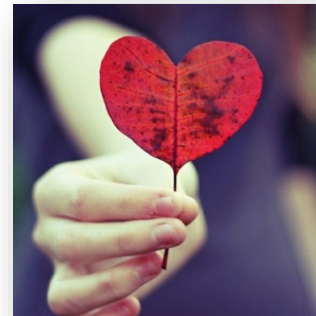
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Week of: July 31, 2022 -

Theme: Summer

Pray for Hospitality

Heavenly Father,
Give us eyes to see the deepest needs of people. Give us hearts full of love for our neighbors as well as for the strangers we meet. Help us understand what it means to love others as we love ourselves. Teach us to care in a way that strengthens those who are sick. Fill us with generosity so we feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty. Let us be a healing balm to those who are weak and lonely and weary by offering our kindness to them. May we remember to listen, to smile, to offer a helping hand each time the opportunity presents itself.



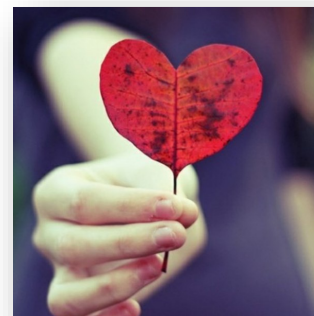
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Week of: August 7, 2022 -

Theme: Nature

A Prayer for Nature's Abundance

We thank you, creator God, for the goodly heritage you offer us, from green pastures to the deep salt seas, and for the abundant world we share with your creation. Keep us so mindful of its needs and those of all with whom we share, that open to your Spirit we may discern and practice all that makes for its wellbeing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Week of: August 14, 2022 -

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A Prayer for Nature's Transformation

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We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds,

And see the splendor of the summer fields,

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Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory, O God our creator, Who lives and reigns forever and ever.



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