

PARENTS' SUMMARY ON PRAYER SERIES

We've just kicked off a new series on prayer which means lots of exciting opportunities to put these lessons into practice together as a family!

Week 1 (16/17 Aug): What is prayer?

Week 2 (23/24 Aug): What do we pray?

Week 3 (30/31 Aug) : How do we pray?

Week 4 (6/7 Sep): Praying the Psalms

Week 5 (13/14 Sep) : Prayer Intercession I

Week 6 (20/21 Sep): Prayer Intercession II

Week 7 (27/28 Sep): Praying in the Spirit

SOME IDEAS FOR FAMILY ALTAR TIME

• **Prayer Clock:** Use the prayer clock that your Timothy Club P1-3 child made in Week 2, and develop your prayer life as a family by praying through the 12 different areas. Consistent prayer builds perseverance!

Here are some possible variations you could use, to make it fun:

- \circ Take turns in the family to lead prayer for each area, round the prayer clock, 1 3 minutes per segment
- Write the numbers 1-12 on small pieces of paper, and get each person to pick one at random and lead your family to pray for the segment on the prayer clock that corresponds to that number



- o Pray from item number 12 to 1, in reverse order
- Pray for all 12 segments together, one item at a time, with each family member taking turns to say one sentence each for that segment.

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OTHER IDEAS FOR FAMILY ALTAR TIME

- Have a Family Altar Time excursion:
 - Head to a park or a reservoir near to your home. Start by reading a Psalm together as a family, then spend 10-15 minutes alone with God to pray and hear from Him. Come back together to share what you prayed about and what God said.
 - Make a trip to our 24/7 Prayer Tower and pray together there as a family. Provide your child with drawing materials to draw out any visions or write down any words they hear from God. Explain quietly to them about the topics that we are praying for as a church. Target to spend 30 minutes to 1 hour there, or more, depending on the readiness of your children. Share about your experience there.
 - o Pray and ask God if there's anyone who has a need that your family can help meet then go out and do it! It could be an elderly neighbor who does not have family of their own to care for them, a cleaner who works in your neighborhood, a relative whom you have not visited in a while, or someone in your immediate family. Ask God who to bless and how to bless them!
- Focus on the Family Family Devotion: Make use of Focus on the Family's family devotion on prayer, with suggested activities for a variety of age groups: http://www.thrivingfamily.com/Family/Faith/2011/prayer.aspx

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 6:18 (NIRV)

At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit. Pray all kinds of prayers. Be watchful, so that you can pray. Always keep on praying for all of God's people.