

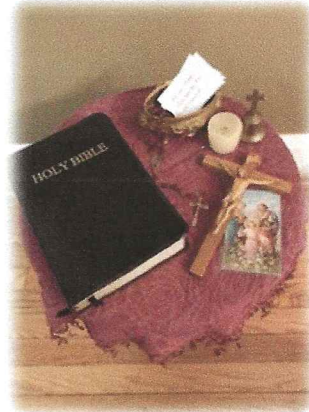
Create a Family Prayer Space

Begin by identifying a table or space that can remain the designated family Prayer Space.

Place a tablecloth, scarf or piece of material in, or over, the space. Ideally, something purple would set the tone for the Lenten season.

Items for Your Prayer Space

Don't go shopping! Look around your house with your children to identify items that would be good to include in the prayer space. Have your children describe things that help them to pray. Allow each person in the family to add at least one item to the prayer space.



Some items you might include:

- Bible
- Crucifix
- a candle
- Rosary
- a basket or small container, for holding place special intentions (and small pieces of paper to write on)
- Saint Statue/Holy Cards
- Palm branch
- Bell to call family to prayer

Set designated times for family prayer. At the appointed times join there as a family. You may want to read from scripture, share a saint story, pray a decade of the Rosary, sing a favorite Church hymn, offer special intentions, or any combination of the above.

Each prayer experience can be different and be led by different members of the family. What is important is the routine.