

Create the Perfect Prayer Space at Home

Why create the perfect prayer space in your home?

- Bring peace into your home atmosphere.
- Transform your home, family, and relationship with God.
- Bring your family together.
- Create a beautiful space to remind you of who God says you are.
- Establish the perfect rhythm for your day.
- Make it easier to check in with God daily.
- Enjoy visual reminders of what God is doing in your life.
- Watch as your prayer space affects the atmosphere in your neighborhood.

Those are just a few of the awesome ways you will come to love your home prayer space. Your prayer space will be a visual reminder of the incredible things that happen in the spiritual realm as you pray.

Here are 20 easy steps to create the perfect prayer space in your home. You do not need to include every step, but simply choose what is meaningful to you and your family. Be as visually and functionally creative as you like!

___ Find a place that is **quiet and comfortable** for you to pray, or just to sit quietly with God. You may want to create two spaces – one for individual use, and one for the family to share. If you have **children**, be sure they play a big role in creating your family prayer space.

___ Think **visually** – find a beautiful view, hang an inspiring picture, create a collage that inspires your heart. When you choose your visuals, don't think "prayer" so much as "God and me together." Think about how much God loves you, how precious you are to Him, and think of the freedom, boldness, passion, healing – whatever ways you most want to grow. Those are the visuals that should decorate your prayer space.

__ Make your prayer space comfortable, so you can simply enjoy God’s presence. **Pillows, comfy rug, rocking chair** – use whatever works for you, and for your family in a shared space. A **prayer shawl** makes a wonderful addition.

__ **Bring in music** – whatever types of worship music you enjoy, and make it readily available in your prayer space, so you don’t have to bring it with you each time. Provide music to satisfy different moods and emotions. Print words to songs you might want to pray out loud.

__ Consider making your prayer space a **mini garden**, with plants, or mini lights, beautiful fabric, a mini desk waterfall.

__ Keep a **Bible** in your prayer space, along with any **devotional books** that might inspire you. If you have prayer resources, such as “**prayer points**” for praying for schools, family, etc., keep those where you can see them.

__ Keep a **prayer journal and pen** in your prayer space. Write your prayer requests and make a note when those prayers are answered, and how. Write love notes to God. Draw pictures – whatever you feel inspired to do. Consider adding a **basket and postcards** where you can write your notes to God and keep them in the basket. **Colored pencils** will help as you respond creatively to what God is showing you.

__ A box (or two!) of **tissue** is a must in any prayer space. Folks often weep, as family members share prayer needs and as God moves on your heart in prayer.

__ You might want to hang a **corkboard** for photos of family and other people you are praying for, or news clippings, Bible verses, etc. If hanging a corkboard doesn’t work, try a **photo album or scrap book**.

__ In a shared prayer space for your family, keep a **dry erase board** or a **prayer box** so family members can write down and share their prayer requests throughout the week. Be sure and pray over those requests. You might set up a visual way to indicate the requests have been prayed over, such as placing a star by each request, each time you pray. It is comforting for each person to “see” the prayers that are said.

__ Bring in a **map or globe**, or a street map of your home town – you can “prayer walk” the community, your nation, and even the world, from your own prayer space at home. A local **newspaper** will help you “pray the news” in your town.

__ A **prayer calendar** makes a nice addition to your home prayer space. You can mark the calendar with dates of upcoming family events that need prayer. Also, you may want to include dates such as the National Day of Prayer and Global Day of Prayer, and other significant dates of the Christian year. Messianic Jewish calendars can also provide dates of Jewish feasts that are part of our Christian heritage.

__ Don't forget to keep a place very visible where you can **share your praises** of the things God has done, the prayers He has answered, the miracles He has worked, and the **things you're thankful for**.

__ **Communion elements** can be a nice addition to your prayer space, and you might consider having family Communion time every morning or evening.

__ Keep a **shofar** in your prayer space. When you blow the shofar, you will be filled with a sense of the Lord's presence. Seeing the shofar in your prayer space will remind you the Lord dwells within your heart.

__ As you spend time in your prayer space, God will move your heart to pray for others. You might like to keep some **note cards** on hand, in which you can write a scripture verse or a short note to someone, saying you are praying for them. You can write it simply as a symbolic act of prayer and keep it in your prayer basket, or you can mail it to the person as encouragement.

__ In addition to note cards, you can make **prayer cloths** to pray over. Prayer cloths are small pieces of fabric that you hold in your hand and pray over for someone else. You then can anoint the cloth with oil, and give the prayer cloth to the person. People who receive prayer cloths like to keep the fabric with them, during whatever challenge they are going through; it is a tangible reminder of the constant presence of God. If you don't have fabric on hand, you can buy pillow cases at the dollar store and cut them into small pieces. Heart shapes make nice prayer cloths.

__ You may appreciate keeping some **anointing oil** on hand in your prayer space. If your family gathers for prayer, or if someone visits your home needing prayer, you can anoint them with oil, as a symbol of the presence of the Holy Spirit. You can also place a drop of the anointing oil on your **note cards** and **prayer cloths** as you pray over them. You can find anointing oil at a Bible bookstore or online, or a small bottle of olive or vegetable oil will do nicely.

__ Some folks enjoy liturgical dance in their prayer space, as a movement of worship. **Colorful streamers** can be part of liturgical dance, and you can make these easily by tying colorful sewing ribbon around hand-size hoops. These are a beautiful addition to your prayer space, and can be used as you worship God in that space. Look in the Old Testament passages that describe tabernacle colors and their significance, or use colors that are meaningful to you. Each person in the family might want to make their own set of streamers, or contribute their own colors to family streamers.

__ Most importantly of all, make your home prayer space **unique** to you and your family. What are the desires of your heart? What are your biggest doubts, where you need God's help? What are your most fervent prayers? Make sure those are represented in your prayer space, to help you focus your prayers.

Enjoy your prayer space. Make it yours, your family's, and God's. Visit it often. Watch how your life, your family's life, and your neighborhood are transformed. Thank You, God.

P.S. Does your church have a prayer space like this? Maybe that's something you can help with.