

## Ways to use a Prayer Corner in your Home.

- 1) Personal Prayer—use the prayer corner every day to pray individually, even if it is just for 5 minutes!
- 2) Family Prayer—pray together in the prayer corner as a family. Use the space for family rosaries, morning offerings, or bedtime prayers.
- 3) Spiritual Reading—keep a Bible, Catechism, and books about the saints, prayer, and theology in or near your prayer corner.
- 4) Journaling—keep a journal in or near the prayer corner.
- 5) Family Prayer Intentions—have a “Book of Intentions” in or near your prayer corner. Encourage your children, family members, and visitors to write prayer intentions in the book. Pray for the intentions in the book individually and as a family.
- 6) A Place for Children to Pray—encourage your children to always feel free to stop by the prayer corner to visit Jesus!
- 7) A Safe Place—A Prayer corner will make God’s presence felt throughout your home and provide a safe place for friends, family, and any visitors to encounter God.



## CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

O Lord Jesus,  
you lived in the home  
of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.  
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace  
as you prepared to fulfill your mission  
as our Redeemer.  
*We entrust our family to you.*

O Blessed Mary,  
you are the Mother of our Savior.  
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus  
and nurtured him  
in the peace and joy of your home.  
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O Saint Joseph,  
you provided a secure and loving home  
for Jesus and Mary,  
and gave us a model of fatherhood  
while showing us the dignity of work.  
*We entrust our family to you.*

Holy Family,  
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.  
May we be completely united  
in a love that is lasting, faithful  
and open to the gift of new life.  
Help us to grow in virtue,  
to forgive one another from our hearts,  
and to live in peace all our days.  
Keep us strong in faith,  
persevering in prayer, diligent in our work,  
and generous toward those in need.  
May our home, O Holy Family,  
truly become a domestic church  
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.  
*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*

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PRAYER  
CORNER  
Challenge

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## Why Create a Prayer Corner in your Home?

We designate places in our homes for all kinds of things; a place to eat, a place to sleep, a place to exercise, a place for entertainment.

But is there a place in our home specifically dedicated to prayer?

We live in troubled times and may often wonder what we can do to make the world better.

As Pope St. John Paul II said, "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."

If we want to make the world better, the best place to start is with our families.

And if we want to make our families better, the best place to start is with prayer.

Imagine if 1000 households in our diocese rededicated their families to prayer by designating a place in their home *specifically* for prayer—what a difference that would make!

Will you answer the challenge?

CULTURES ARE TRANSFORMED  
**BY FAMILIES,**  
FAMILIES ARE TRANSFORMED  
**BY PRAYER.**

## Step 1

### CREATE A PRAYER CORNER

Using the information in this brochure as an aid, pick a place in your home to set aside for prayer. It can just a small corner or an entire room—whatever works for you!

## Step 2

### PRAY THE CONSECRATION

When your prayer corner is finished, gather your family together before it and pray the *Consecration to the Holy Family* which can be found on the back of this brochure.

## Step 3

### EMAIL US

Snap a picture of your completed prayer corner and email it, along with your name, to [PrayerCorner@CovDio.Org](mailto:PrayerCorner@CovDio.Org)

## Step 4

### RECEIVE A GIFT!

Everyone who participates will receive an image of the Holy Family blessed by the Bishop!

For more information visit [CovDio.Org/Family](http://CovDio.Org/Family)  
or call 859-392-1500 and ask for  
The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

## How to Create a Prayer Corner in your Home.

1) Pick a spot. Say a prayer asking for help and then choose a place in your home that you think would be most conducive to prayer.

2) Make the space sacred. Use sacred images, a crucifix, or statues. Consider adding candles, flowers, or holy water—anything that makes it easier for you to pray!

3) Make the space comfortable—but not too comfortable. You want to be able to relax and feel a sense of "retreating" from the world, but you also want to stay awake!

4) Place spiritual reading, a rosary, and a journal near your prayer corner so they are easily accessible when you go to pray.

5) Consecrate the space—pray there often, both on your own and together as a family. Encourage friends and visitors to do the same. The more often the space is used for prayer, the more it will feel like a sacred space.

6) Decorate the space according to the liturgical season and feast days of the Church!

