



# Make Your Own Prayer Corner

## *Where?*

The prayer corner should be in an out-of-the-way place, but the space doesn't have to be large. You can make a space for prayer in a corner of your bedroom. Or perhaps your whole family would like to do this project together in a corner of any room in your home.

## *What Do You Need?*

There is no one right way to make a prayer corner. However, two items are especially useful—a small table and a chair. Your “table” can be the top surface of a dresser or bookshelf—or a wooden or cardboard box turned upside down and covered with a cloth. The chair can be a folding chair covered with a blanket or unused sheet.

## *What Else?*

Furnish your prayer space any way that suits you. For starters, “keep it simple” is usually good advice. You can make a simple cross by tying two twigs together with some string or cord. If you like, you can add a few shells, bird feathers, or other natural objects that remind you of God who created them.

## *Some Other Ideas*

- Your prayer corner can reflect the seasons of the year.
- In Lent, try adding a rock, some desert sand, or a small cactus plant to remind you of the dry places in your life.
- In November, at the time of All Saints and All Souls Day, you can place on your table photographs of those you love who have died.
- For Advent, make a small wreath from evergreen clippings.
- For the twelve days of Christmas, try making some clay figures of the manger scene.
- You can add figures of the Three Kings for the Feast of the Epiphany—or just three little clay crowns.
- In Ordinary Time, when vestments are green, a small plant can add green to the prayer space.
- It's fun to keep the space at its most colorful during the joyful days of the Easter season by using a decorated egg or other Easter symbol.

## *What's a God-Box?*

It can be useful to have a God-box in your prayer corner. Any small box will do. This is a place to put special prayers. Just write them on small pieces of paper, then drop them in the box, and entrust them to God.

## *Remember*

The most important thing about having a prayer corner is to use it! Visit it at the beginning and end of your day, when you are making a decision, or when things aren't going well. Putting aside a space for prayer is a way to welcome God into your home and into your life.