**Creative Ways to Pray at Home**

**Alphabet Prayers**

There are countless things for which we can give thanks to God. Often, of course, our thoughts go first to food, family and friends. One way to magnitude God’s generous gifts is to use the alphabet. Challenge each other to pray in thanksgiving for three gifts for each letter of the alphabet. For example:

A: apples, art, aunties

B: buttons, brownies, balloons

**Drawing Prayer**

This is one form of praying through art. Ask children and family members to draw a picture for God, their loving parent, telling God about something they’re excited about, something they’re concerned about, their dreams for the world, etc.

**Five Finger Prayer**

Using your hand, prayer for people who are need of our prayers.

1. Thumb- Begin the prayer by praying for those closest to you.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger- Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, priests etc. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger- Pray for our leaders. These people shape our country and guide public opinion.
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger- This is our weakest finger. Pray for people who are weak, in trouble or in pain.
5. Little finger- Our smallest finger, this is where we say a prayer for ourselves.

**LEGO Prayer**

Let everyone choose a lego block. Use the lego blocks to help people reflect during prayer.

L- L represents loved ones. People close to you. Who are the people close to you? Who are the people that you love?

E- E stands for enemies. Consider you enemies and pray for them. If you are praying with young children, ask them to consider what enemies means. Remind them that our goal is to see no one as an enemy.

G- G represents those in needs of guidance and grace. They might be people we know, or people whose positions or jobs needs God’s help.

O- O stands for ourselves. Spend some time praying for yourself.

**Questions for God**

Invite people to imagine they have all the time in the world to spend with God. What are the questions they have always wanted to ask? What do they think God’s answers might be?