

PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME

Loving God,
Creator of all times and places,
we thank you for the gift of summertime,
the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look:
the multi-coloured flowers, the deep blue of the sky,
the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play,
people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables
and the more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people,
open our hearts to receive all as gift.
Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist.
Help us to realise and appreciate that you are labouring to keep all in existence.
Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love
so that we may share this with others
and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.

AMEN

(Source: Marquette University)

A Summer Prayer for Families

May we make our homes places of relaxation,
joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,
but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts
during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference
in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime. Amen.

(Source: The Catholic Telegraph)