

Prayer Topic #1:
A Vacation Prayer for Our Windsor Village Church Families

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 47, Ecclesiastes 3:9-13

Reflections of the Heart:

“It is in his pleasure that a man really lives; it is from his leisure that he constructs the true fabric of self.”
~ Agnes Repplier

Scriptural Prayer:

Magnificent Father, we thank You for creating this vast and beautiful world. There are so many places for us to take our families to explore and experience life; ideal places where we can refresh ourselves physically, mentally, and spiritually. Thank You for the ability to travel and experience new things together. Thank You for providing not only for our daily needs, but also for our need for rest and relaxation. How joyful are all who fear You Lord, and follow Your ways! We will enjoy the fruit of our labor. How joyful and prosperous we will be! All honor and praise belong to You, our holy God, for giving us rest.

Faithful Father, in Your eternal wisdom, You have ordained a time of rest for all creation. You take pleasure in our recreation, for You richly give us all that we need for enjoyment. This summer, we declare that parents will take advantage of the opportunity to get away with their children and reconnect. For most of the year, we are focused on our daily tasks, but it is time that we focus on replenishing ourselves. Therefore, we commit to getting out and enjoying ourselves with our families. We will not entertain guilt or anxiety about taking time off work. We will enjoy the time that we have earned and fully immerse ourselves in travel, discovery, and fellowship. Our children will get to know us on a deeper level and we will create fond memories together for them to pass down from generation to generation. We declare that as we travel on vacations, You will order Your angels to protect us wherever we go. We confess that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we make our plans, and we will receive supernatural favor on travel expenses and accommodations. We will have fun!

What is your family vacation plan? Thank God that you already have it and get ready to enjoy and have fun. If you have not planned it, do so today:

Holy Spirit, remind us that the Sabbath is not only a day, it is command of the Lord meant to be a part of our lifestyle. When we relax and recreate, it is a sign that our total trust is in the Father, not on our own abilities. For those who have the money, but are reluctant to take time off work, please open their eyes. Help them to understand the importance of making time with their family a priority. For those who may not have the money to travel at this time, show them creative ways to make memories with their families where they live. Show us all the free or inexpensive activities that we can share as a family right here in Houston. Help us all to be willing to try new things and engage in new experiences that will expand our minds and help us to grow closer to our loved ones. Give us wisdom as we travel so that we can enjoy ourselves in peace. Strengthen us to truly disconnect from all distractions, like phone calls, emails, and text messages. Help us to guard our leisure time and maintain appropriate boundaries with our employers, co-workers, and others. Remind us all that leisure actually increases the effectiveness of our labor. Above all, teach us how to take advantage of these opportunities so that we don't lose sight of what's most important in life.

Righteous Father, forgive us of all our sins. Forgive us for sometimes forgetting the importance of rest. Forgive us for neglecting our families and the need to connect and fellowship with one another. Forgive those who are driven by their needs and wants so much that they refuse to trust You to take care of them. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind us of all those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals***

them, say “I forgive name of person(s).” Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Holy Spirit, help us not to yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Royal King, what a variety of things You have made! In Your wisdom, You have made them all. The earth is full of Your creatures. May Your glory continue forever! You take pleasure in all You have made. The earth trembles at Your glance and the mountains smoke at Your touch. How magnificent You are! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: I Timothy 6:17, Psalm 128:1-2, Psalm 91:11, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 104:24, 31-32

Today I will trust God to:
