

## Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.

[From Ignatian Spirituality]

The earth is the Lord's  
And all that is upon it  
Created and creative things  
Fruit and Fruitfulness  
Springtime and Summer  
Seedtime and harvest  
For the promise of harvest  
contained within a seed  
we thank you.

For the oak tree  
within an acorn  
The bread  
within a grain  
The apple  
within a pip  
The mystery of nature  
gift wrapped  
for us to sow  
we thank you.

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