**Blessing Prayer for a Prayer Space at Home**

Find a corner at home, a shelf, or small bookcase or bedside cabinet that can be used as a prayer space.

You may want to find a cloth to put over it, a candle, a small vase with a few flowers from the garden. You could have pictures of loved ones far away or those who have died. A candle is a good idea and perhaps some incense sticks if you have them.

You might want to use Post-It notes or cards to assemble prayers for particular people and situations you know or are in the news.

A Bible or prayer book or a cross could be put there. If you don’t have a cross you can easily make one with two twigs and some string to knot them together.

Try and find a time each day to come and pray together as a household or on your own.

***When you first make your Prayer Space you could say this prayer:***

**Creator God, Divine Artist of all that is beautiful, we ask your holy blessing on this space that we are setting aside for prayer.**

**May this sacred space be a sign for us of your divine presence in our home.**

**May it be a place for us to gather with those we love in sorrow and joy**

**in rejoicing and sadness in anxiety and in hope.**

**Though in the world around there is disease, here may there be ease.**

**Though in the world around there is sadness, here may there be joy.**

**Though in the world around there is grief, here may there be hope.**

**May this sacred space protect our home from all evil and plague, from all that is not good.**

**We ask this in the powerful name of Jesus who is our brother and friend. Amen.**

***Light a candle if you have one. Spend a few moments in silence.***

***You may end with the Lord’s Prayer:***

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.