

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES

April

In Celebration of Spring Cleaning

After family members have completed their spring cleaning tasks, gather the family around the family prayer table or the kitchen table. Begin by praying together the Sign of the Cross. Then lead the following prayer, asking family members to respond, “**How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord.**”

Leader: We welcome you to our home, Lord.
Fill this house with peace, compassion, and goodness.
Let all who dwell here be eager to act in loving kindness, we pray:

All: **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord.**

Leader: Make this a welcoming home, Lord.
May the guest and the stranger be greeted
with warmth and love.
Let sounds of joy, friendship, and thanksgiving be heard
as we welcome others here.

All: **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord.**

Leader: Make the spaces of our home holy, Lord.
Let the telling of stories and
the sharing of meals remind us of your presence here.
Make this home a holy place where you dwell.

All: **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord.**

Lead family members on a walk through your home, inviting them to sign each door with the sign of the cross. As they do so, say together, “**How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord.**”

Conclude by sharing together a special meal in celebration of spring cleaning and of your home and family!