

Create a Family Prayer Jar



Find a jar--any container will do! If you have a pretty one, great; if you have an ugly one, great; glue paper, or ribbons, or whatever you can find around the house for it. Make a tag for it that says "From your hands to HIS" Put it somewhere that the whole family can see it and have access to it.

So how this works is that we all have things we want to pray about in our own lives or in other people's lives, and sometimes it can feel overwhelming to make sure you pray about them all. The idea of the jar is that you are putting it from your hands to God's, which is where it belongs. Psalm 55:22 says, "*Give your burdens to the Lord, and He will take care of you.*" When we realize that God has His hand in the situation, it is so much easier to give things to Him, and stop trying to control the outcomes. So you write the prayer on a slip of paper, pray about it, and then drop it in the jar. Each day you can add prayers to the jar or have each family member take a slip of paper out and pray for that person or thing.

At the end of the year, on New Years Eve, a neat tradition would be to go back through and read all of them to see what all God has done with each of your prayers. Often, at the time of the event, it is hard to see what God is doing and how He is working, but many times in hindsight the bigger picture is so clear.