

# St Matthew's Prayers for Summer 2012



## Blessings before the Summer Holidays



Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God.  
Take time to have fun; it is God's way of teaching you your strengths.  
Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.  
Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.  
Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.  
Take time to share with others; they will bless you and you will bless them.  
Take time to have hope; you are a child of God.

## Lord God,

We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

## A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. May you talk with God every day.

## Prayer for the summer break



Lord, what about you and me? I don't want to forget you just because I'm away from my normal routine. Keep close to me, Lord, and remind me that my relationship with you should never take a break.



## Prayers for the children

Loving God, we pray for all children as they prepare for a new season in their lives.

As they start nursery or school for the first time – give them joy in new experiences

As they move to new classes – give them confidence in growing friendships

As they move to new schools – give them strength in their growing independence

As they move on to college or university – give them wisdom in their maturity



And for all the teachers, assistants, helpers, carers and volunteers who teach and nurture our children and young people, we ask for your blessing, your joy, your wisdom and your patience as they re-charge their batteries over the summer break, ready for the new term!

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## Prayer for our country

Lord, in this year of Jubilee celebrations and Olympic games, we ask for your blessing that all people of all nations are welcomed here. We pray that this will truly be a year of celebration, of a nation coming together before the world and before You. We pray that each person will find a warm welcome, an exciting stay and a safe journey home.

We ask this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

