

Four “Summer” Prayers

Revel in Summer

Dear God,
Let us revel in summer.
Let us soak up the long days and warm sun.
May our feet walk on sandy beaches and our heads rest on thick grass under blue skies.
May we listen to and marvel at the singing of the birds and stop to watch blissful children at play
This summer, God, may our breathing slow and our hearts open. God help us to be present to all that is so that we might best see all that might be.

- *Written and offered by David Johnson*

A Beach Prayer

Joyful God, we thank you for this time together. We thank you for the sun in the sky, the cool sea water, and the sand. We thank you for yummy snacks, buckets, pails, and beach umbrellas. We thank you for our family, our friends and the lifeguards who keep us safe. We ask that you bless us on this beautiful day, and we praise you for this beautiful Creation that you have entrusted to us.

- *Author Unknown*

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...
The pace of life slows...
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...
Lord, help me to rest awhile
in the cooling shade of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart and fill me with
gentle compassion for all your people.

- *Author Unknown*

Sun's Embrace

The warmth of the sun's embrace,
the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide,
the rhythm of seasons,
of new birth,
death and recreation.
All these speak so clearly of your love,
your power
and your beauty.
All are expressions of your creativity,
and more importantly of yourself.
As an artist might share his personality
within each brushstroke,
so within the myriad colours of a butterfly's
wing
you share the exuberance of your love

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