

PRAYER & PIETY

Essential Items for the Christian Home:

-The Holy Bible: No Christian home should be without the fountain and source of all Christian wisdom, that is, the Bible. We recommend the English Standard Version.

-A Hymnal: An invaluable resource for prayer and meditation, by yourself, or with your family. Christ Lutheran Church uses and recommends the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

-A Crucifix: A reminder of Jesus Christ and Him crucified, to serve as a reminder in your home that your family has been redeemed by His most holy sacrifice. One can be displayed above the entrance of the house, as a reminder that Christ is with us in all our ‘comings and goings’, or a small one in every room, as is traditional.

Prayer Books:

-Starck's Prayer Book: **An easy to use prayer book, beloved to many Lutherans. Filled with prayers, psalms, hymns, poems, and devotional meditations, it brings divine wisdom to every believer in all of life's situations.**

-Treasury of Daily Prayer - This wonderful book contains everything one needs for a disciplined life of prayer and meditation: Orders for personal or family prayer at different times of the day; the entire Psalter; a page for each day of the year with the text of two Bible readings (Old and New Testament), a devotional writing, Psalm verses for the day, and a prayer for the day. (Book) (iPad/iPhone edition)

-Brotherhood Prayer Book - This excellent book requires more effort than the Treasury of Daily Prayer. It uses Gregorian notation (neumes on four-line staves with movable clefs) instead of the modern five-line staves; there is an introduction that explains the notation for those unfamiliar. The book uses the King James

Version of the Bible and the older prayer forms and language found in The Lutheran Hymnal. The Brotherhood Prayer Book is for those seeking a more traditional and rigorous book than the Treasury of Daily Prayer. (Second Edition w/ribbons) (Text edition - no music)