

# ST. GREGORY BROOKLYN LIGHTFEST NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMER IS HERE

I love this time of year. It is hot. In the city, there is a flavor of freedom. Open fire-hydrants with kids screaming in delight and spilling out into the streets. Parents sitting on stoops keeping a leery eye for dangers of speeding cars. The tinkling music of the ice-cream truck with kids and adults hanging on its side contemplating their goodies. Music loud and vibrant and in every language. Pedes-

trians, skateboarders, runners, skirt each other as they share the sidewalk with jump ropes and diligent artists drawing hopscotch boxes and other temporary masterpieces. This is the experience of those who don't migrate to some exotic destination for vacation. The city life translates into community. Each one has a different personality; as do our churches. Each has a pulse that is unique to

## PRAYER

The most powerful weapon against trials.

The most effective medicine against sickness.

AND

The most valuable gift to someone you love.

each community. Visit another Church this month. Be universal.

## LET'S PRAY WITH THE VIBRANCY OF SUMMER ...

Prayer is a conversation with God. It can be **spontaneous**, coming from your heart condition, whether you feel happy, sad, pain, hurt, or love.

God will listen. Picture Christ sitting before you as you honestly tell Him the details of your life. Prayer can also be **formal**. The most famous

formal prayer is, **The Lord's Prayer**. The benefit of formal prayer is that they are universal. The words are known all over the world. You never pray alone.

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### Special points of interest:

- JESUS DIED SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE.
- WE PRAY FOR FAMILIES, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.
- PRAYER IS A POWERFUL TOOL IN A WORLD THAT TRIES TO MAKE CHRISTIANS WEAK.

### The Bible and your prayer journal



**Read Carefully.** Give yourself time to read, understand and digest the words in the Bible. Keep a journal to write down your questions, interesting things that you learn, insights and connections you have made, what

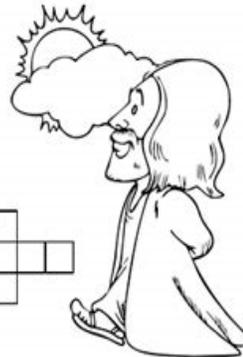
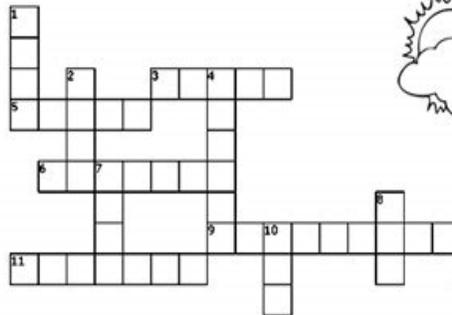
you think God might be saying to you and your prayers to God about what you have studied. This was the instruction in a Study Bible. Consider investing in one. A good study Bible can help you on your journey

through the pages of God's love letter to you. The journal entry does not have to be long. It can be a **sentence prayer**. "Lord light my path so that I do not stumble."

### Quiz corner

*Formal prayers— Our Father, The Rosary, The I Believe, The Glory Be. People are praying these all over the world. You never pray alone*

## Got Jesus?



Your word is a lamp to my feet .....

**Dear Lord,**

So far today, am I doing all rig



I have not gossiped, lost temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card



....and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

**ACROSS**

- 3. The organ in the body that pumps the blood
- 5. To make letters and words with a pen or pencil
- 6. To accept as true, genuine, or real
- 9. Evidence given by witness in court
- 11. Something that continues forever

**DOWN**

- 1. To understand something
- 2. The period from birth to death
- 4. To receive something willingly, such as a gift
- 7. Someone who doesn't tell the truth
- 8. The creator and ruler of the universe
- 10. A male child

Check your answers

accept	believe	eternal	write
testimony	heart	life	know
God	liar	son	

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

**LightFest prayer group meets on Saturdays for an hour, after the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory. Please feel free to join us. We'll love to see you there.**