

**JUNE 2016**

My dear friends,

Every spring our earth renews itself. Brown, gray and barren are transformed into brilliant color and bursting bloom. Just as the earth renews, so must we. Take a cue from God's creation and use this season to renew. Take in the warm days, soft breezes, the billowing trees, flowers and flourishing gardens. Draw in a deep breath of fresh air, and whisper or sing or shout a prayer to God.

### *A Summer Prayer*

Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence,  
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart  
and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

*Source unknown*

I pray that this summer is a time of refreshment in body and soul for you and your loved ones.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Mother Bonnie+