

How to Make a Prayer Box

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Learn how to make a prayer box with basic materials from your local craft store! If you love decoupage tutorials, this project is perfect for Bible study. A DIY prayer box is a wonderfully symbolic way of casting your worries aside and placing your trust in God. By writing down your intentions and placing them inside the box, you are putting this thought into action: I'm not going to worry about this anymore, and instead, I'll let God take care of it.



Write down any intentions on your heart. This is a great activity to do with your prayer group one meeting, or you can do it with the kids and grandkids over the holidays or on a rainy day. Everyone can have their own prayer box! This is a wonderful faith-based craft for kids and adults alike.

Materials List:

- Small unfinished wooden box with lid (approximately 3–5 inches wide)
- 2-3 sheets of scrapbook paper or decorative cardstock
- Mod Podge or other decoupage medium (matte or gloss)
- 1-inch foam brush
- Sharp scissors or craft knife (optional, for detailed cuts)
- Ruler
- Pencil for tracing paper pieces
- Printed sentiment sized to fit inside the lid
- Mini notepad and pencil
- Embellishments such as ribbon, rhinestones, stickers, buttons, lace, etc. (*Optional*)

Instructions:

Before You Begin: Measure each side of your wooden box before cutting your paper. Since every unfinished wood box is slightly different, cutting each piece individually will give you the cleanest fit.

1. Measure the inside of your box lid. Resize and print the following sentiment so it fits inside the lid, then cut it out and set it aside.

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**When your head starts to worry,
and your mind just can't rest,
put your prayers down on paper,
and let God do the rest.**

2. Measure and cut scrapbook paper to fit the top, sides, front, back, and any inside surfaces you'd like to cover. Don't worry if your cuts aren't perfect—slight imperfections give the finished box a charming handmade look.
3. Working one section at a time, brush a thin layer of Mod Podge onto the wood. Press the matching paper piece into place, smoothing from the center outward to remove air bubbles.
4. Continue until all desired surfaces are covered. Allow the adhesive to dry for 10–15 minutes before moving on.
5. Brush a thin, even coat of Mod Podge over all covered surfaces to seal the paper. Let dry until the finish becomes clear (about 15–20 minutes).
6. While the first coat dries, glue the printed sentiment inside the lid using a thin layer of Mod Podge.
7. Apply a second thin coat of Mod Podge over the entire box for added durability. Allow the box to dry overnight before using it.
8. Once the box is completely dry, personalize it with ribbon, lace, rhinestones, buttons, stickers, or other embellishments.
9. Place a mini notepad and pencil inside the finished box. Whenever you have a prayer, worry, or gratitude you'd like to remember, write it down and place it inside your prayer box as a reminder to entrust it to God.

Tips for Success

- *Use medium-weight scrapbook paper for fewer wrinkles.*
- *Apply thin coats of Mod Podge—thick coats can leave visible brush marks.*
- *Smooth paper from the center outward to remove air bubbles.*
- *Let each coat dry completely before adding another.*



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