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Theme: School is out

Scripture:

Malachi 4 v 2 b

...and you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall!

Malachi 4 v 2a

But for you who revere my name. The Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings...

V 6

He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers.....



Prayer (as a couple):

Father, we need inspiration and resources from you to bless and strengthen our family over this holiday period. Help us to put our own agenda aside to make room for our children. We feel the need for rest ourselves, so please help us to find creative ways to be together and also find replenishment in body mind and spirit. Amen

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Comment:

Having 5 children I can remember the first day of the holidays – the house would become chaotic and I had to let go my control and concept of acceptable order so they could have friends and play messy games! They were always so excited to have 5 weeks when THEY could choose what they wanted to do instead of always having decisions made for them!

Holidays can be healing. – As parents we can give special time to each child, We can "turn our hearts to them" and let God inspire us to greater understanding. What's your agenda for your family holiday?

Prayer (for others):

Lord we pray for the (name).... family. May their holiday this year be a success for everyone. Please help them to balance every one's needs and may they come home with very happy memories that will be a lasting source of hope and joy. Amen

Please pray also for families who can not take a holiday this year. To enjoy being together and to have some special time together.

Final quote:

The best way to keep children home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant – and let the air out of the tyres!

Dorothy Parker 1893 - 1967

Remember others will also be praying in this way this week. Together and with God we can make a difference. Not to be used in other publications without permission. Please credit When2Pray if you pass on this email or its contents.