

Inventions of Summer

A simple, creative, theologically rich companion for a Summer Sabbath or Worship Series.

Inventions of Summer is a four-week, ready-to-use Summer Sabbath booklet and worship series inviting you to enrich your summer through simple reflections on sunflowers, string beans, mosquitoes, and fireflies.

Designed for Flexible Use

- Print and share to keep community if your church takes a summer break.
- Use and adapt as a creative Summer Worship series with ready-made reflections and prayers for Communities of Faith.
- Easy-to-use four week worship resource for Communities of Faith without ministry leadership or when leaders are on holiday or study leave.
- Use as personal or family summer spiritual practice on vacation, at the cottage, or for stay-at-home vacations.
- Enjoy in Small Group gatherings on decks, beaches or gardens.

What You Receive

- Print-ready PDF booklet (8 double-sided pages)
- Editable Word file to personalize the booklet for your community of faith or to share with friends (includes space for your welcome/greeting)
- Permission to print and share freely within your community
- Additional Worship Planning Notes with prayers, blessings, music suggestions, and ideas for preparing your worship space.
- A short introductory video and theme photo for use in bulletins or on social media.

The Four Themes

1. Sunflowers – *Pronouncing a Blessing*
Receiving the day and affirming Goodness.
2. String Beans – *Taking Up the Offerings*
Thanksgiving and returning blessing to Earth.
3. Mosquitoes – *Praying Through Hard Times*
Honest prayer when life irritates or wounds.
4. Fireflies – *Praying for Others*
A practice of carrying others in Love.