

PRAYERS OF PETITION.



A prayer of petition is a prayer that is a request. We don't demand that God gives us everything we want. We ask, and we trust that God knows best how to answer us.

Hold a marble in your hand. Silently turn your thoughts to God. Is there something you would like to ask God? Do you have a prayer for yourself? Tell God about it.

When you are ready you can gently put your marble in the water. This reminds us that when we pray we give our requests to God and trust that God knows best how to answer us.

You might like to pick up another marble if you have more than one thing you want to ask God for.

When you are ready take a puzzle piece and move on to the next station.



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PRAYERS FOR PEACE.



Paul wanted Timothy to use these ways of praying to help him pray for everyone, not just his friends. He wants Timothy to pray so that there might be peace.

Look at the world. What countries can you see? Write a prayer on your post it note about peace. You might like to write a prayer for your own neighbourhood or country, or somewhere overseas. It might be a place where there is war and violence. Ask God to help and bless those who live there.

You might like to draw a picture instead of writing words. Stick your post-it notes onto the globe or map.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Intercession is a prayer for others. It is talking to God about someone you know. It is asking God to help them. They may be sick or having a difficult time at school. They may be lonely or afraid. You might like to pray for your friends or people in your family, or for someone overseas.

Think about a person you would like to God about. Take a piece of ribbon. You might like to choose a colour that helps you think about them.

Hold the piece of ribbon in your hand. Run your fingers along it. As you do, say this person's name out loud or silently in your head. Talk to God about your person. What do you want to ask God about?

When you are ready you can peg your ribbon onto the string. You might like to pray for another person.

When you are ready, take a puzzle piece and move on to the next station.



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PRAYERS FOR KINGS AND LEADERS



God wants us to pray for Kings and leaders.

On your crown write the name of a leader you know. You might like to write down John Key (the Prime Minister of New Zealand) or the name of your church priest.

Colour your crown in.

Cut your crown out. Sellotape the crown together.

Take your crown with you as a reminder to pray for this leader.

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