

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

PRAYER STATIONS

In 1 Timothy 2:1-3, Paul gives Timothy some instructions for prayer. This activity is based on these verses. There is a station for each of these times of prayers: petitions, prayers of peace, intercession, thanksgiving and prayer for kings and leaders.

This activity will work in your children's ministry programme or as an all-age activity for your whole church.

You will need to set up five stations in the room, with the prayer card and the equipment listed below. If your group is large you might need to set up two stations of each activity (i.e. two stations for petition prayers).

It is a good idea to have an adult or young person based at each station to guide the children as they pray.

Each prayer station has a jigsaw puzzle piece to collect. This puzzle can be downloaded, one per child, and cut up beforehand. As the children and leaders move around the stations they collect a puzzle piece. By the end they will be able to complete the puzzle and take it home as a reminder.

Begin by reading this to the whole group:

Paul says to offer up all kinds of prayers. He gives Timothy some examples. We are to pray for ourselves, but not just for ourselves. We are to pray for others, for our leaders and to give thanks. These prayer stations will help you to explore the different kinds of prayers Paul tells Timothy about. You will need to move around these stations quietly so as not to disturb others. You may talk to others or pray together.

You will need to collect a puzzle piece at each station as you go around.

Move at your own speed. The idea is not to get around each station as fast as possible, but to stop and listen to God. You might find you only spend time at one or two stations.

Let me pray before we begin (insert your own prayer)

Prayer Station: Petition

You will need:

- Prayer Station card
- Bowl of water
- Small towel
- Marbles
- Puzzle piece

Prayer Station: Prayers for peace

You will need:

- Prayer Station card
- Glove or a world map
- Post-it notes
- Felt tips or pens
- Puzzle piece

Prayer Station: Prayers for Thanksgiving

You will need:

- Prayer Station card
- Cushion
- Puzzle piece

Prayer Station: Prayers for Intercession

You will need:

- Prayer Station card
- Length of string
- Short lengths of ribbon (about 5cm - 10cm long)
- Pegs
- Puzzle piece

Prayer Station: Prayers of Kings and Leaders

You will need:

- Prayer Station card
- Crown template
- Scissors
- Glue
- Felt tips
- Decorations
- Puzzle piece

