



Children's Worship

Lent - "Let us Pray" - Family Prayer Activity Week 3 - Praying with Jesus

Look at the Lord's Prayer

Here it is in the modern version. Take a phrase each day and think what it means for us. How would we put it in our words and what does it include.

<p>Monday</p> <p>Our Father in heaven Hallowed be your Name</p>	<p><i>What does it mean to say God is in heaven?</i></p> <p><i>What does 'hallowed' mean?</i></p> <p><i>What does it mean to know we can call God our parent?</i></p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Your Kingdom come, your will be done On earth as it is in heaven</p>	<p><i>What would we like to see of God's Kingdom here?</i></p> <p><i>How can we also help make it happen?</i></p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Give us this day our daily bread</p>	<p><i>What are our daily needs?</i></p> <p><i>Do we thank God for all we have?</i></p> <p><i>What can we do to help those who don't have enough?</i></p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us</p>	<p><i>This is hard.</i></p> <p><i>How do we learn to say 'Sorry'?</i></p> <p><i>How do we discover God has forgiven us?</i></p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>Lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil</p>	<p><i>'Temptation' probably means a time of persecution and 'testing' which many Christians do face.</i></p> <p><i>'Evil' is about suffering inflicted on others</i></p> <p><i>How fortunate are we.</i></p>

As we think about this prayer day by day, let's pray it each day and discover what it means



A Getting Ready Prayer

God, as we get ready to be with you,
Open our ears to listen to you
(touch your ears)

Open our minds to help us think about you.
(put your hands on your head)

Open our eyes to see you in the world around us.
(point to your eyes)

Open our hearts to love you more.
(cross your hands over your chest)
And open our hands to help each other.
(open out arms and hands wide)

Amen.

Time to think...

- ✚ Do you like cleaning, tidying and sorting out?
- ✚ Today Gospel is often described as 'Jesus cleaning the temple'.
- ✚ But this is not like cleaning as you and I would know it.
- ✚ It was more like clearing and cleansing...

Sunday 7th March 2021 Jesus Cleans the Temple



Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ Read John 2: 13-22 in a children's Bible.
- ✚ Watch the story on Saddleback Kids or on God's Story...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLOVY5FD6wA>
- ✚ An alternative would be the story told as a song...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0qepkq5NV0>

Talk Together...

- ✚ Can you sell God? Can you buy God?
- ✚ In Bible times, some people were trying to get rich off God and by cheating God's people.
- ✚ They would have booths inside the temple to sell special "temple money" and special "temple animals" to be given to God.
- ✚ The problem was this stuff cost much more than regular stuff.
- ✚ So the people selling it were taking advantage of the common people who came to worship God.
- ✚ They were trying to get rich off God's temple.
- ✚ It was like they were selling God.
- ✚ Can you guess what Jesus thought about this?
- ✚ He was very angry!
- ✚ Jesus was so angry that He made a whip from rope, and drove the cattle, sheep, and those who were selling them out of the temple.
- ✚ He also turned over the money changers' tables.
- ✚ To the ones who were selling the doves, He said, "Get out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"
- ✚ Jesus did some serious house cleaning that day!
- ✚ God's houses are special places and should be respected.
- ✚ As we think about Jesus cleansing the temple, we can also be reminded that there is some other cleaning that needs to be done.
- ✚ The Bible tells us that we are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in us (1 Corinthians. 3:16).
- ✚ This season of Lent is a good time for us to think about how our hearts might need cleansing.

Sing Together... (or listen)

- ✚ Create in Me - Rend Collective
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amWKS0AMDVg>

Make Together...

- ✚ Use cardboard, paper, pens, paints, paper plate/bowl, tissue paper, string, foam, magazines, newspapers, lollipop sticks, sticks, wool, toilet roll tubes or whatever you have in the house to make...

- ✚ Bible Bookmark - Make a bookmark with today's memory verse on it. Decorate it, then with a hole punch, make a hole near the top. Tie three pieces of thread to it and plait them. Do this another 2 times then plait them, just as Jesus did with the rope.
- ✚ Clean Hearts - Draw and cut out a large heart to decorate and write words from today's lesson that *GOD WANTS A CLEAN HEART*, etc.



- ✚ Roots and Look worksheet... (PDF on the team website)



Build Together...

- ✚ Using Lego, other building blocks or boxes - Build a temple. Take turns in telling something that happened in today's Bible story and then telling how we can worship God in HIS HOUSE.



Play Together...

Mop Riding Timed Relay -

You will need a mop, a stopwatch (watch/phone) and some space to run around (outside maybe an idea).

- ✚ Make a point or line where everyone has to run to and back from.
- ✚ Give the first person the mop to ride.
- ✚ On the word 'Go', start the stopwatch and they must run a relay to the line/point and back.
- ✚ The person that completes the ride in the shortest time is the winner.

Remember together... (memory verse)

'You should know that you yourselves are God's temple. God's Spirit lives in you.'

1 Corinthians 3:16 (ICB)

Pray Together...

Dear God,
help us to remember that we are Your temple
and that Your Spirit lives in us.
Help us to keep our lives clean
and useful for service to You.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Don't forget...

- ✚ Whatever you create, share it on our churches FB pages; tag us in so everyone can see. Turton Moorland Team Page @TMOTP (FB)
- ✚ You could also send it to stmaxentiusonline@gmail.com and I will send them on to Revd Peter our Team Rector, then they can be shared in the online weekly.
- ✚ For more activities and links go to our Turton Moorland Team website - Children's Resources - <https://turtonmoorlandteam.co.uk/turton-youth-church/#childrens-resources>