

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD



Acts 4: 25b- 26

"Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²⁶The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.

These are some things in our world which we feel a great pain, tragedy and brokenness about. There are places where it can seem as if God isn't present there at all. But the Lord of all things cares about the whole world. Many things are happening in our world, locally, nationally and globally both positively and negatively.

Here you can take a moment to reflect and pray for these situations. It might be mission partners, current news stories, poverty, politicians and leaders, the oppressed or whatever your heart says. Continue to cover the world and all its tragedy and brokenness in prayer.

Using the sticky notes, write a prayer and stick it on the map where the situation is.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. — 1 Timothy 2:1-2

GO: OUR CALL TO MISSION

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Pick up globe ball and hold it in your hands.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus and He has told us to Go. To go and make disciples of all the nations, ALL the nations. He has called us to Go and baptise people in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And He has called us to teach others to obey everything that Jesus has commanded. God is with us wherever we are called to go. Where might God be calling you to go? To your school? To your neighbours? To your football team? To the country? To the City? To another place? Maybe God is calling you to remember your baptism? Or to consider baptism as a step of faith in your life?

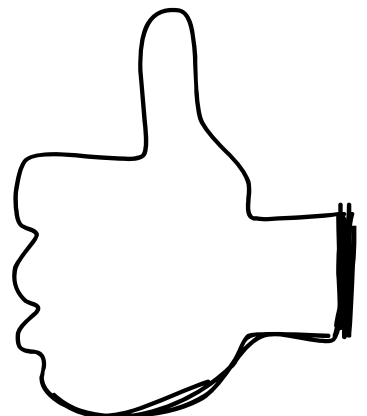


PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING MODELLING CLAY

When God created the world, He remarked frequently that all He created was good. (see Genesis 1) At this time of year it's easy to stop and reflect on the year that was and the year that is to come. We can look around creation and be thankful for the blessings we have in our lives.

Using the clay, make, or spell what you praise God for, and what you are thankful to Him for.

Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. - Psalm 106:1



WORSHIP IN SONGS

Psalm 95:1-9



¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

³ For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.



Have a listen to the song playing, there is 6 songs on the playlist. Take a copy of the lyrics and using the highlighters to focus on key words. Maybe a line reminds you of a bible verse. Maybe you want to repeat some of the lyrics as a prayer in your life? Ponder on what this song is saying, about God, about faith, about your response.



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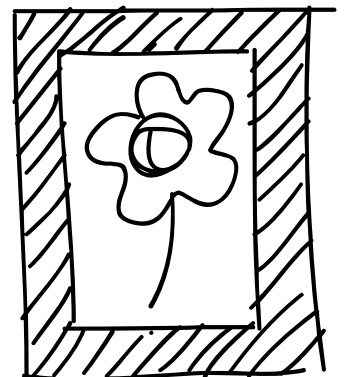
Ephesians 3:16-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family [a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen

Sometimes you just need some space. To focus on Christ and to remove distractions from around you. Colouring in is one way you can meditate and focus. Grab a colouring in picture and as you colour, reflect, pray and ponder. As you colour, reflect on this verse and how much you are loved by our great God, let that fill your mind.

Take as much or as little time as you need to clear your head space, calm down and reflect and focus on the God who loves you so so so much.



REST

Matthew 11:28-30

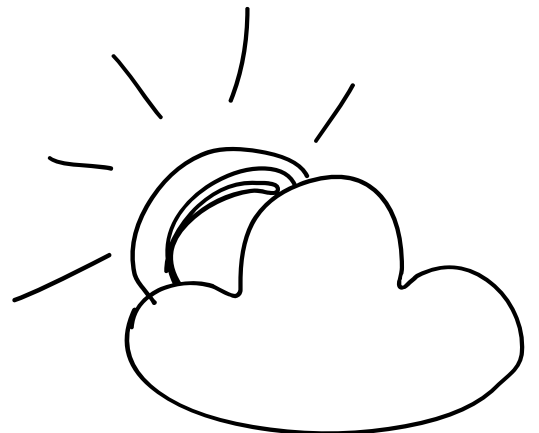
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Find somewhere on your own to sit and rest. Read from the Bible. Journal or write a note to God, or just sit and be still in the presence of God. If you need something to fiddle with, use bubble wrap to keep your hands busy and to calm and focus you.

Remain connected and close to Jesus and in a quiet moment for as long as you need.

John 15:5 says,

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."



LAY IT AT THE CROSS

Some of us carry small, individual burdens that cause us to walk through life with some hindrance. There are some of us who carry *many* small burdens. The collective weight of these burdens is beginning to be too much for us to carry. And some of us carry much larger burdens that have simply become too much to bear. You may carry a burden that has come to you completely outside of your control. You may not even have known how much the burden was weighing you down until you suddenly realised that its weight had actually become *unbearable*. God doesn't want us to carry our burdens. He asks us to lay them down at the foot of the cross. He wants us to surrender our heavy loads to him.

Psalms 68:19-20 says, "Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves, from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death."

It takes an act of our own will to give up our burdens. We can sit in the presence of God and hear him speaking to us but today we need to take action to allow God to give us total peace by laying down that which causes us pain. The act of laying down your burden may be just the beginning for you - it may be totally appropriate for you to seek further assistance in finding complete peace or forgiveness. Or it may be that a simple act of faith and surrender is all that it needs.

Take a moment to reflect on this then, when you are ready come and take a rock or two from the foot of the cross, hold it out in front of you and feel the weight of it for a moment and when you are ready, lay it back at the foot of the cross.

You might also like to take some paper and write the things which are holding you back and causing you to carry a heavy load. When you have finished fold it shut so other can't read it and stick it onto the cross with the tape.



TAKING UP YOUR CROSS



Luke 9:23-24

²³ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Are you prepared to take up your cross daily for your faith? To be Jesus in your community it might mean you need to make a change, you might get told you are different, it might not be easy to share faith at times. The cost of being a disciple was a very real thing for Paul and other martyrs. The cross isn't always pretty, it's probably going to be a sacrifice in some ways, we have a choice though when we take the cross up, we could sit and complain about how difficult and unpleasant the cost of being a disciple is, or we can take up our cross and turn it into something beautiful.

What are you willing to Sacrifice? Will you take up your cross? Will you turn it into something beautiful?

Read over 1 Timothy 4:11-16. Are you prepared to set an example for others as you take up your cross?

1 Timothy 4:11-16

¹¹ Command and teach these things. ¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

Pick up 2 sticks and form a cross, using pipe cleaners and ribbon, decorate your cross as a symbol of the decisions you are making as you take up your cross and turn it into something beautiful.

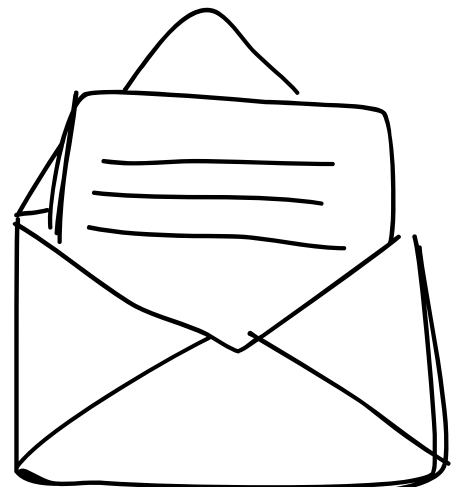
WRITE YOUR OWN PRAYERS

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:20-21

Use this space to write or draw whatever is on your heart as prayer points.

Take as much or as little time as you need to pray.



POSITIVITY WALL AND RESOURCES.

Use this space to share a positive message with others. Maybe write a verse or a quote which is encouraging you. Let's be encouraging and build each other up in all we do and all we say.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11

We are aware that sometimes there is stuff going on for you or a mate which is real tough and more than something you can work out on your own. While it is important to bring your requests and struggles to God, sometimes we also need to seek help from other professionals.

We want to help you find some help if that is what you need. On the table you will find some cards, magnets and wristbands from Youth Beyondblue, these resources hold contacts for some free and accessible websites and phone numbers you can call for some help. They will be able to direct you to more local support networks should you need it. There are also a few information books about mental health which you are welcome to have a read of if it is helpful to you.

There are leaders at camp who can help you find resources and discuss and pray with you about these things if you need.

