

Family Prayer Picnic



When we set up for 24/7 Prayer, it has become a bit of a tradition to include a picnic area with snacks and activities for family prayer.

The current restrictions actually provide a perfect opportunity for families to set up their own Prayer Picnic at home, either indoors, or outdoors, as often as you like! Young children will love to be involved in the set-up, and will have lots of imaginative ideas of their own.

All that is needed is a picnic blanket; a basket filled with snacks and drinks perhaps one or two books to read together, and a prayer activity of your choice.

One suggestion for a possible prayer activity:

Prayer Fishing



Cut out fish shapes and decorate one side. On the reverse, write the name: of family members; friends; people affected by Coronavirus; key workers; etc.

Attach a paperclip to the mouth of each fish.

Make a fishing rod using a stick, string and a small magnet or a hook made from a bent paper clip, and go fishing!

As you examine your catch, pray for the person or group of people named on each fish. Have fun!

Create a Family Prayer Space



Older children and youth may prefer to create a special space set aside for personal and family prayer. A small table could be used. The aim is to gather together a few items which help us to be still and focus on God as we spend time with Him in prayer.

The prayer space may include a Bible, candle and possibly some natural objects that remind us of God's amazing creation.

There are endless opportunities for creative and artistic ideas to make your prayer space personal and meaningful to your family.

May your space become a place where you will encounter God;
a place of peace and blessing – enjoy!

Messages of Thanks and Appreciation

At this time, when activities out-with our homes are restricted, we become more aware than ever of the wonderful work done by all those who serve us regularly:

bin men, post men and women, delivery drivers...

One way of expressing our gratitude might be to collect pebbles, or smooth stones, and paint them with letters, words and pictures to create a message of thanks and encouragement.

Alternatively, you could display your message on home-made bunting, or on cards hung washing line style, attached to string with clothes pegs.

Make your message as cheerful and eye-catching as possible, then arrange it where it is sure to be seen by those you wish to bless.



Balloons of Love and Hope

An idea to brighten your street or neighbourhood
by sharing words of love and hope...

You will need:

A packet of balloons
Sharpie pens, or similar
Ball of string

What to do:

Blow up the balloons and tie them securely.
Use colourful pens to write words of love, hope and encouragement
on each balloon.

A few suggestions, but you will have many ideas of your own...



Tie a length of string to each balloon and use this to tie the balloons on
gateposts, fences and lamp posts
near your home and in your neighbourhood.

