

Being a Disciple or Follower of Jesus

Praying is just another word for talking to God, and it's a really important part of being a Follower of Jesus as it helps us to have a closer relationship with God.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.
John 17:9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 17:6-11 (NIV).



B L X K A Z F F A T H E R X P
G L S S M Y O U R S E N J R E
M O K E E C P T N D A B A P R
I N C T D G W I E G A V E M X
N G V M P O A Y T G X X W R E
E E Y J N M E A N V D B V K P
E R K K E B W I C C H O L Y L
I C U R O H H O A C L R J X R
S S E N T T P H R M E D T C W
G L O R Y O T R Y D P P N O H
P W A R N C I D O D U R T M L
W O E A Y Y L Q A T I W A E Z
V V W O Q R R B E V E B L Y D
E T F E O S Y W I K I C S W V
A T T W R J Y R G I X P T I X

POWER	GLORY	ACCEPTED	WORD	YOURS
EVERYTHING	KNOW	PRAY	MINE	GAVE
PROTECT	OBEYED	HOLY	NAME	SENT
LONGER	FATHER	COME	WORLD	REMAIN

Prayer Jar

Sometimes it can feel hard to know what to pray! You may like to make a prayer jar/tin/box to help you. Further instructions can be found here:

<http://www.swww.com/blog/how-to-make-prayer-jars-religious-craft-activity-lesson/>

If you don't have lolly sticks to hand, you could always write your ideas on folded pieces of paper.



Here are some ideas of what you could include in your jar:

- Give an example of a blessing God has given you
- List 3 things you are thankful for
- Pray for a family member or friend in need
- Take a moment of silence to reflect
- Name a positive event that happened to you this year
- Share one prayer you have seen answered

You may also like to include some bible verses about prayer:

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18)

“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” (Psalm 145:18)

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” (Luke 18:1)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Get Creative!

If you like drawing, why not draw a picture of someone or something you would like to pray for: it could be your family, a friend, your teacher or your school, Chris and Karen (and our ministry team at St John’s), a particular part of the world...it could be anything! Or if you prefer writing, you could have a go at writing your own special prayer!

We would love to use any of your prayers or artwork in a future service, so please do send them in via email if you would like for them to be used in this way.