

Ideas for praying “Come Lord Jesus!” at home

Making a time to pray

Building prayer into your normal home routine works really well; for example, praying around a mealtime, or your walk to school, or on a family night.



Mealtime prayer

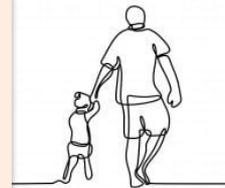
Perhaps plan a meal that uses ingredients or a recipe from the nation you are praying for... a real “taste” of the nation! You could even involve the family in decorating the meal table with printed or home-made flags.

- *Before* – as you gather at the table before the meal, you could use one of the worship activities below, and/ or a “Come in my life” prayer activity.
- *Middle* – in between your first and second course, you could use a “Come to my nation” prayer activity
- *After* – once your meal is finished, you could watch a Prayericast video about the nation you are praying for, and use one or two of the “Come to the nations” activities.

Prayer walk

If your family likes to be active, a prayer walk might be a fun adventure. You could use the walk home from school, or a family walk round the park.

At some point beforehand it might be helpful to have watched a prayer video or done some research together on the nation you're praying for (see “Come to the Nations” section for links). For younger children, print off the Come Lord Jesus Prayer Walk Bingo sheet. Older children/ teens might enjoy using the Prayer Walk Scavenger Hunt. Alternatively, you could make a list of things for your family to look out for as you walk, which can serve as triggers for prayer in the same ways.



Family night

Use some of the ideas from the sections below, or any others from the CLJ resources page (<https://www.cljprayer.com/resources>) to create a memorable time praying together.

Making a space to pray

Creating an inviting space is not essential for a great prayer time, but can really excite and intrigue our children, particularly if we involve them in creating it.



Prayer Den

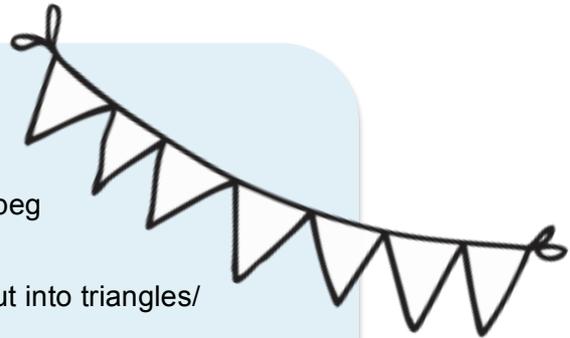
Use blankets, sheets, fairy lights and any movable bits of furniture to create a prayer den: a special space for talking to God and listening to him. Add gentle instrumental worship music to enhance the atmosphere even more!

Prayer bunting

If you don't want to move the furniture around, home-made bunting adds atmosphere and can serve as a place to peg prayers too!

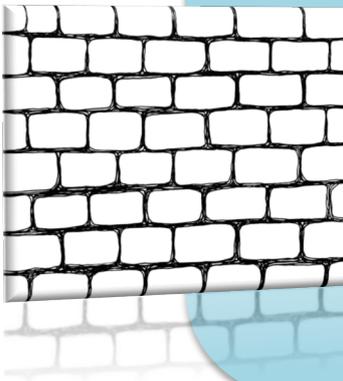
All you'll need is string, pieces of paper cut into triangles/rectangles and laundry pegs.

You could decorate the bunting with flags of the nations being prayed for, the words "Come Lord Jesus!", or words, pictures and scriptures that you receive while you're praying.



Prayer wall

Choose a piece of wall in your house to put up a map, photos and pictures from the internet of the nation you are praying for, prayer points etc. You could place some cushions or a chair nearby.



The wall could be made interactive by having some way to post prayers, pictures, words or scriptures, eg a cork-board or post it notes for the map.

Other ideas to enrich a prayer wall could be: a dart-board with prayer points to aim at, a small table with candles to light when you're praying, arty resources (paper, pencils, modeling clay, colours).

“Come to my life” Prayer ideas



Dice-roll worship

Use the guide sheet for dice roll worship at the end of this document. Grab a dice and take it in turns to roll. Each time, praise God as the instructions show!

Balloon thanks

- Each person blows up a balloon and uses a sharpie to write on it things they are thankful for. Play a praise song and keep everyone's balloons in the air by hitting them as you sing! At the end, everyone makes a joyful noise shouting out all the things they are thankful for, all together.
- Alternatively, everyone writes part of a Psalm onto a piece of paper, rolls it up and posts it into a balloon before inflating it. Then do the same with music until, at the end, everyone pops their nearest balloon. Then each person declares the words of the Psalm found inside, for everyone to hear.
(Psalm ideas: 106:7, 86:12, 107:8&9, 100:4, 69:30, 136:1, 9:1)



Clean hands, pure heart

Prepare a large bowl of water and a towel. Pass the bowl around the family, each taking it in turns to wash your hands. As you do, quietly ask Holy Spirit if there's anything you need to get right with God or someone else. Then say sorry to God, and if the person is in the room, be brave and get right with them too.



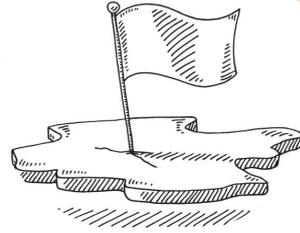
Fill my life

Set out a group of glasses or cups on your table. Give them some or all of these labels: Relationship with God, Family relationships, Friendships, Home, School, Work, Church, Neighbourhood, Future, Strength, Skills, Emotions, Mind, Joy-level.

By either reflecting individually or chatting together, consider where you need Jesus to come and fill you most. Where do you need his help, presence, hope or empowering? Where do you need a miracle?

Hold the empty cup or cups and ask Jesus to come and fill that part of your life. Use a full jug to prayerfully fill the cup and receive Jesus' presence in that part of your life.

“Come to my nation” Prayer ideas



Rope map

Google the outline of your nation's shape.

Use string or rope to recreate your nation's outline (it doesn't have to be perfect!) on your table or the floor.

Now you can use this map for all kinds of prayer.

Find ideas on how to use your rope map and more here:
<https://www.ywamwildfire.com/post/2017/02/01/prophetic-action-in-intercession>

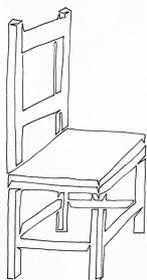
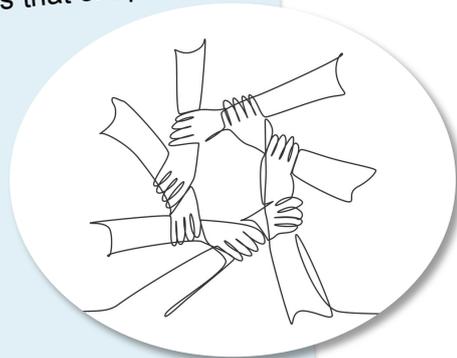
Spheres

The Spheres of society are the different areas that shape it:

Government,
Business,
Education,
Family,
Media,
Arts/ Sports,
Religion.

Find some fun ways to pray for these areas in your nation here:

<https://www.ywamwildfire.com/post/2017/03/16/intercession-ideas-spheres-of-society>



Chair prayers

Very simple – place a chair in the middle of your family or group to represent a real person you are praying for, eg:

- The Prime minister/ President
- A Church leader
- A child
- A persecuted Christian

You can even have someone sit in the chair to represent that person – lay hands on them and pray as if they were really there!

“Come to the nations” Prayer ideas



Prayer inspiration

Here are some places to find inspiring videos and information about different nations, to fuel prayer:

www.prayercast.com/nations.html

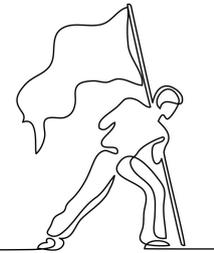
<https://operationworld.org/prayer-resources/countries-alphabetically/>

Flag prayers

Print out or draw and colour the flag of the nation you are praying for.

Find out why the different colours or images were chosen and what they mean.

Use those meanings to pray blessings on the nation. Eg green might symbolize the land - so bless the land to be fruitful and sustain life, bless those working on the land to have wisdom and strength etc



Circle Prayers

Stand in a circle (maybe around a flag?).

Ask God what he wants to get rid of in the nation (eg poverty, depression, pride).

After three, reach your hands inside the circle then “throw” out what God wants to get rid of, shouting eg “POVERTY OUT!!!”

Then quickly discuss the opposite.

After three, reach outside the circle and “throw” it in, shouting eg “PROVISION IN!!!”

Then do it again for another pair of opposites, and so on!

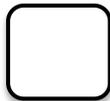
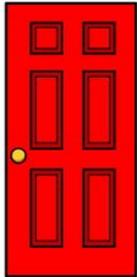
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Prayer Walk Bingo

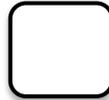
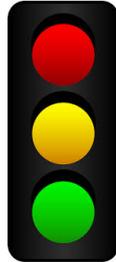
Can you spot these things while you are Prayer Walking around your neighbourhood?

Use this sheet to either pray for your neighbours, or for people in another nation. When you tick one off, stop and pray the way it says!



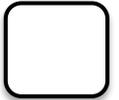
Red door

Pray for people's hearts to open to Jesus.



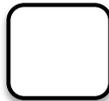
Traffic lights

Pray for people who have been stopped by sickness.



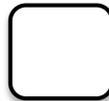
Children's bike

Pray for the children who live in this area or the nation you're praying for.



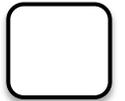
Bird

Thank God for his wonderful creation



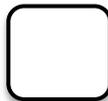
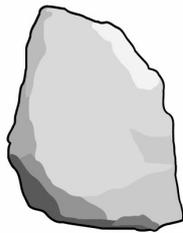
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Pray for lonely people.



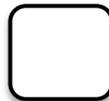
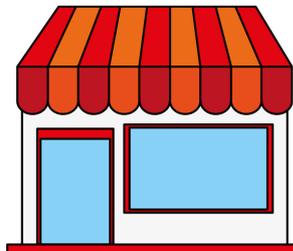
Coin

Ask God to help people who don't have enough money.



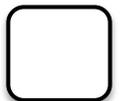
Stone

Pray for the people whose lives are hard right now.



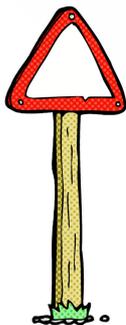
Shop

Thank God for all the people who help and serve in this neighbourhood or the place you are praying for.



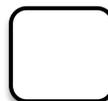
Yellow leaf

Ask God how he feels about the people who live on this street or in the nation you are praying for.



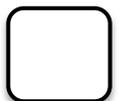
Road Sign

Pray that God's people would show the way to Jesus



Tree

Thank God because he is strong and a safe shelter



Lamp Post

Pray that the light of Jesus would shine in the darkness

Prayer Walk Photo Scavenger Hunt



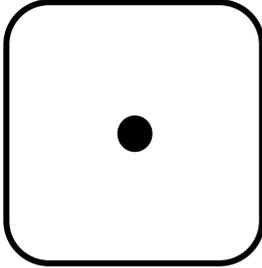
Take a phone or camera with you and try to find the following things as you Prayer Walk.

As you stop to take a picture, pause to pray too.
(Please avoid taking pictures of people or their property though!)

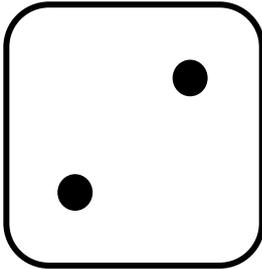
-  **Your shoes...** Thank God for his promise: *"I will give you every place where you set your foot"* Josh 1:3
-  **Water...** Invite the Holy Spirit to come and soak your streets, or the streets of a city or town in the nation you are praying for.
-  **Something broken...** Pray for broken-hearted people and families in your area/ the nation you're praying for.
-  **A seed** (eg conker, acorn)... Pray for God's kingdom to grow in this area/ that nation, like the mustard seed Jesus told a story about: *"Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches"* Matt 13:32
-  **Somewhere uncared for...** thank God that he cares about the people and places in your area/ that nation – pray that his care would be known.
-  **Something that smells good...** Ask God what brings him joy in your neighbourhood/ that nation?
-  **A piece of rubbish...** Ask God what makes him sad in your neighbourhood/ that nation?
-  **Something new...** Pray for God to do a new thing: for new hearts, new starts, new health, new hope!
-  **Something growing...** Pray blessings over homes and businesses in your area/ that nation: joy, peace, wisdom, protection, provision, abundant life.
-  **Something changing...** Pray for people whose lives have changed because of Covid 19. Thank God that he does not change and he is in control.



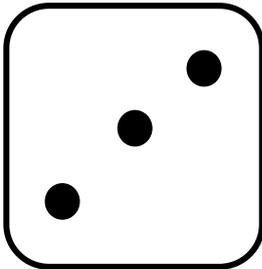
Dice-Roll Worship



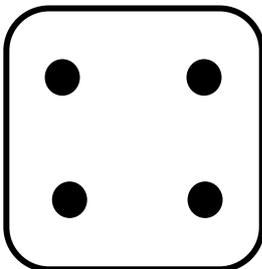
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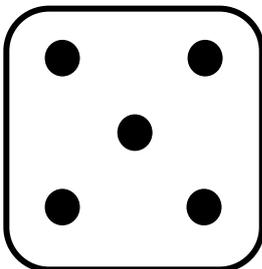
2. Thank God for a person you love.



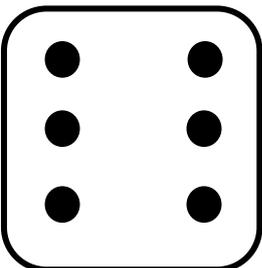
3. Praise God for something he is.



4. Praise God for something he's done in your life.



5. Thank God for something that happened this week.



6. Stand up together and everyone shout:
"Jesus is with us!!"