

## **PRAYER: OTHER IDEAS**

### **OTHER PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES AS WE FOCUS ON WALKING THE WAY**

**PRAY CREATIVELY** Encourage people to use gifts that God has given. Through the use of those gifts pray. How? By, for example, writing in prose or poetry; drawing; painting; building with building blocks; using pipe cleaners; making paper chains; using modelling clay or something similar; blowing bubbles; using your imagination to be creative.

**PRAYER WALK** your neighbourhood/roads near the church building etc. Go out in pairs or small groups and pray as you walk – either aloud or silently. Stop at specific points and pray – for example at the hospital, schools, police station, fire station, railway station, bus station, residential and nursing homes, churches, doctors' surgeries, dentists etc.

**PRAY WHEN YOU ARE IN A QUEUE** at, for example, the bus stop, station or shop - pray for those in the queue that they will know Jesus and Walk His Way.

**PRAY FOR THOSE SITTING NEAR TO YOU ON A BUS OR TRAIN OR IN OTHER MEETING PLACES.** Pray that they will know Jesus and Walk His Way.

**ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU BOLDNESS AND THEN, FOR EXAMPLE, OVER TEA OR COFFEE, SHARE WITH OTHERS HOW GOD HAS ANSWERED PRAYER IN YOUR LIFE IN RECENT DAYS.**

**HOLD A PRAYER TIME AT CHURCH MID WEEK** with specific emphasis on Walking the Way. Some of the following might be helpful to have at 'prayer stations'. Have a printed poster at each of the stations [**see wording below in bold**]:

Station 1     **Pray the Lord's Prayer**

Station 2     **You are invited to use your finger to write in the palm of your hand the name[s] of someone you need to forgive. Ask Jesus to help you to forgive the person/people.**

Station 3     **Psalm 139:23-24, 'Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and**

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**lead me in the way everlasting.’ An opportunity to repent. Write the sin down and throw the paper in the bin.** Have a bucket/bin with pieces of paper/pens alongside.

- Station 4 **Worry ties us up in knots. Spend time in prayer, seeking to leave your worries with the Lord. Feel welcome to take a piece of ribbon. Tie a knot in it for each worry, place the ribbon at the foot of the cross and leave your worry/worries with the Lord. God bless you in your ongoing journey.** Have a basket containing pieces of ribbon. Have a small wooden cross as a focal point.
- Station 5 Display newspaper cuttings showing recent local, national and international news. **Pray: ‘Your Kingdom come, Your will be done’ over nations and situations.**
- Station 6 Invite the children and young people in the church to suggest topics for prayer and **write them on a poster for use at a prayer station.**
- Station 7 **Jesus is the Light of the World. Please light a candle and spend time praying that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the words of Jesus Himself will be revealed to those for whom we are praying today. Pray that people will come to know Jesus and that this church fellowship will reach out to them and walk with them on their new found journey. ‘Jesus said: I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.’** Have small candles and tapers available.
- Station 8 **Pray for yourself. Pray specifically that God will be able to continue to work in your life and in new ways as you now commit to engaging in the holy habit of prayer with new vision and insight, by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- Station 9 **Pray the Lord’s Prayer**

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