

# Other Prayer Ideas

It's a common occurrence when I ask my youngster what he wants to pray for that I get the response "everything". In some ways it's a beautiful reflection on how his heart is open to God, but can be hard to articulate into concrete prayers.

Everybody has experienced the opposite too, that moment when you are asked to pray and the mind goes blank, all those deep needs for prayer seems miles away.

The following pages are for days when you need more guided options.

## *Directed Coloring:*

Set out this page either to share as a family or print off a copy for each person. Read the prayer prompts and choose a single image to add color to. Then reach for the coloring pencils or pens. Add shading, details and go outside the lines as you continue to pray. You may want to label your finished image to help you refer back to your prayer to see how God answered it.

## *Step by Step Prayers:*

This way of praying is based on the ACTS method of praying - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. This is an individual prayer sheet so you'll need to print a copy of this page for each person. Begin by spending a moment recognizing you are in God's presence. As you read the prayer prompts talk as a family about each response before adding words or pictures.

## *Prayer Tree:*

Sometimes prayers are just too big to be wrapped up in a sentence or sketch, that's what a prayer tree is for. Write the person, situation or country in the identified box on the page and have an open prayer time. Provide pens or stamp pads and as each person prays have them add a leaf or the tree. Over time return to this page and continue to add leaves to show your prayers. Inspired by Luke 18:1-7.

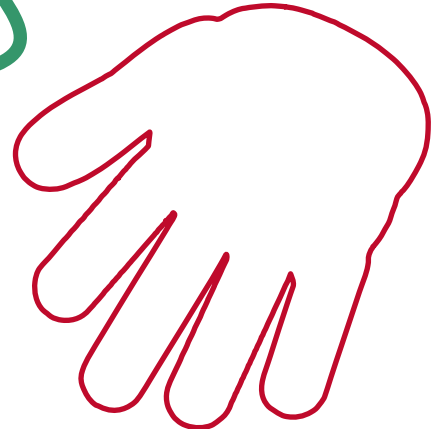
# O Lord hear... Our prayers,

## Directed Coloring...

Choose 1 picture and pray as you add color.



As you color this boy think of someone who you would like God to comfort.



As you color this hand bring to mind situation where you would like God's presence to be known

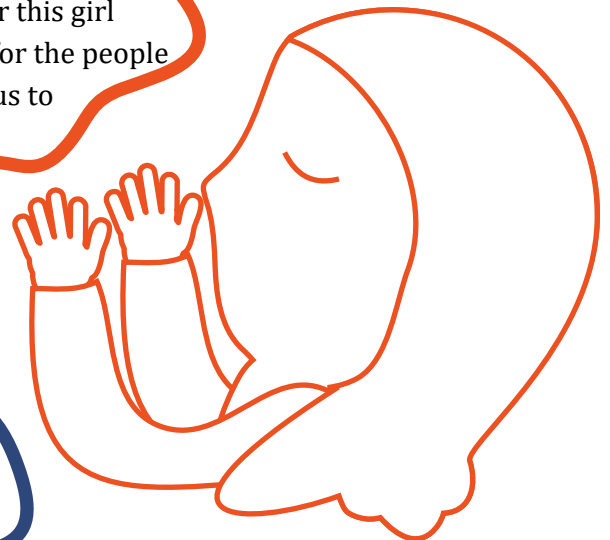
As you color the globe ask God to step into the bigger problems the world faces right now



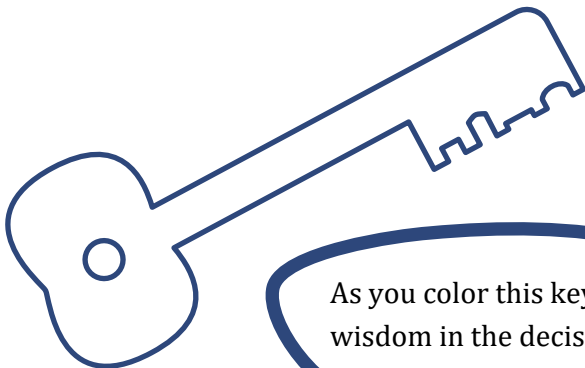
*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you,*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

As you color this girl thank God for the people who guide us to know him



As you color this key ask God for wisdom in the decisions you make



Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Step by Step prayers...

Based on the ACTS method of praying.  
Spend a moment to come before God,  
then sketch or write out your  
responses.

We recognise you are  
awesome by...

We see that we have  
messed up by...

We remember to thank  
you for...

We see the needs  
of others,  
especially for...

We ask you meet our  
needs for...

Answered

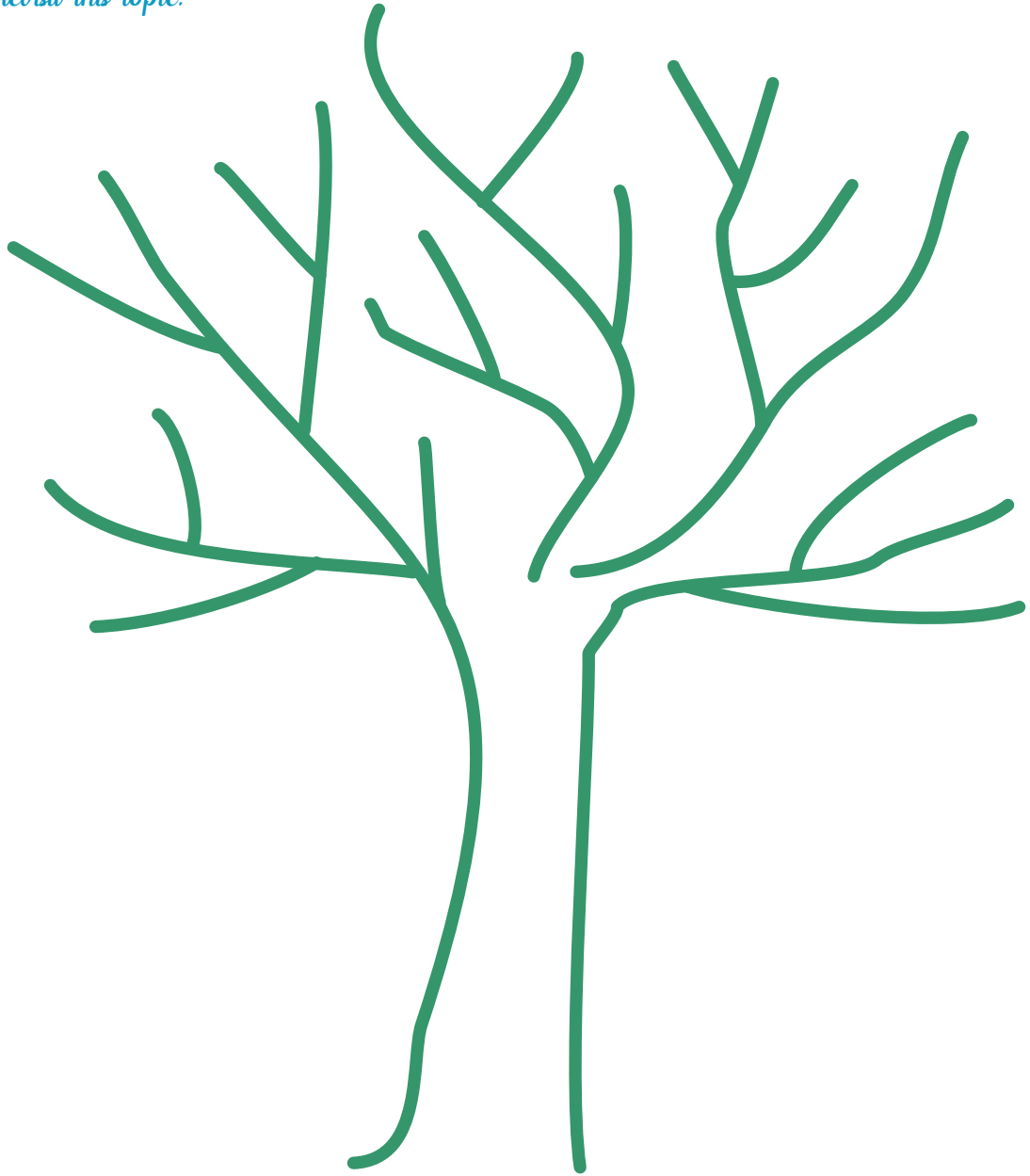


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## Prayer Tree

Pray for your chosen person or situation, as you say "Amen" add a leaf using a pen or a finger print. Come back to this page as you revisit this topic.



This prayer tree is for...

A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with a dark blue border, intended for writing the purpose of the prayer tree.

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Answered



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