

## St Michael's Home Church: Sunday Gang!



Hello all. Well we continue to explore “home church” together and I hope you find the following activities interesting. It is very strange to have not seen you all for such a time now. I hope you are all keeping safe and well. With love and best wishes, Laura.

**Today's bible reading is from** John chapter 17, verses 1-11: “Jesus Prays for His Followers”.

Here is a cartoon version you can watch

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsUCJDRNHio>

Here is a version you can read together (International Children's Bible)

After Jesus said these things he looked toward heaven. Jesus prayed, “Father, the time has come. Give glory to your Son so that the Son can give glory to you. You gave the Son power over all people so that the Son could give eternal life to all those people you have given to him. And this is eternal life: that men can know you, the only true God, and that men can know Jesus Christ, the One you sent. I finished the work you gave me to do. I brought you glory on earth. And now, Father, give me glory with you. Give me the glory I had with you before the world was made.

“You gave me some men from the world. I have shown them what you are like. Those men belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your teaching. Now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. I gave these men the teachings that you gave me. They accepted those teachings. They know that I truly came from you. I pray for them now. I am not praying for the people in the world. But I am praying for those men you gave me, because they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And my glory is shown through these men. Now I am coming to you. I will not stay in the world now. But these men are still in the world. Holy Father, keep them safe. Keep them safe by the power of your name (the name you gave me), so that they will be one, the same as you and I are one.

Source: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+17%3A1-11&version=ICB>



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## Reflection

We love to share with someone when we are excited or worried don't we?

Well, Jesus is showing us in the bible story today, that prayer can be like that: something that we are excited, nervous or worried about.

God wants us to talk to him.

We can talk to God anytime, anywhere about anything!

God hears us and understands us when we pray to him.

When we talk to God, it helps us know that God is always with us.

Prayer also connects us to others – "we are one".

We pray for each other as Jesus prays for his followers.

## Activity ideas

### **Pray to God**

Draw, write or doodle a prayer to God

### **"We are one"**

Print out or draw your own World Globe. The example to print is in the shape of a heart. Colour in the Globe. Write the words (bubble writing, different colours, cut out from card) "We are one – show God's love to the world"

### **Prayer journal**

Complete the prayer journal page to say who you will pray for this week.

### **Lego Prayers**

You will need Lego or Duplo. Follow the Lego prayers list to pray.

## You need to do the following activities with two or more people...

### **"One word prayer"**

Take turns to create a spoken prayer together. One person starts off with saying one word and then take it in turns to add another word. Example: Dear. Jesus. Thank. You. For. Today. This might take a little while but its fun to build off of each other in prayer!

### **"Run as One"**

The aim is to "run as one" following instructions from someone else e.g. a parent or older sibling. You need to hold hands and "run as one" to different places in the garden or outdoor space, following the instructions, e.g. "run to the tree" or "run to the ball". If you let go of each other's hands or get pulled apart, stop, go back to the starting point, hold hands again and try again to "run as one".

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### Closing Prayer:



Hold my hand, God,  
lead the way,  
Help me be good every day.  
Let me know what's wrong and right,  
Keep me safe day and night,  
Let me know what you have planned,  
Lead the way God,  
hold my hand.  
Amen

Source: <https://i.pinimg.com/originals/aa/0f/f2/aa0ff26cd571e4f40f85b628a1d7578f.jpg>



Have a selection of Lego or Duplo pieces in front of you.

Start by choosing one brick.

**Hold your brick.**

Pray for yourself. Thank God for the things he has given you. Ask Him to bless you and to help you to bless others.

**Count the bumps on your brick.**

For each bump on your brick, pray for a different person- friends or family members. Ask God to bless them this week.

**Find a different colour brick.**

Thank God for making each person special. Thank him for the things that are different but special about other people. Pray that we will learn how to celebrate and understand people who are different to us.

**Put all of the bricks together and build a structure or tower with them.**

Thank God for the church and the communities we live in. Pray that He will help us to include others and to help people know that they are loved and valued.

Source: <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2015/03/lego-or-duplo-prayers.html?sref=pi&m=1>

# I will pray for . . .

Someone Bigger Than Me:

Someone who  
lives near me:

Someone who lives  
far away:

Someone Smaller Than Me:

Someone I've never met:

**Myself!!**



