

# Welcome to “Kingdom, Come!” Prayer Space

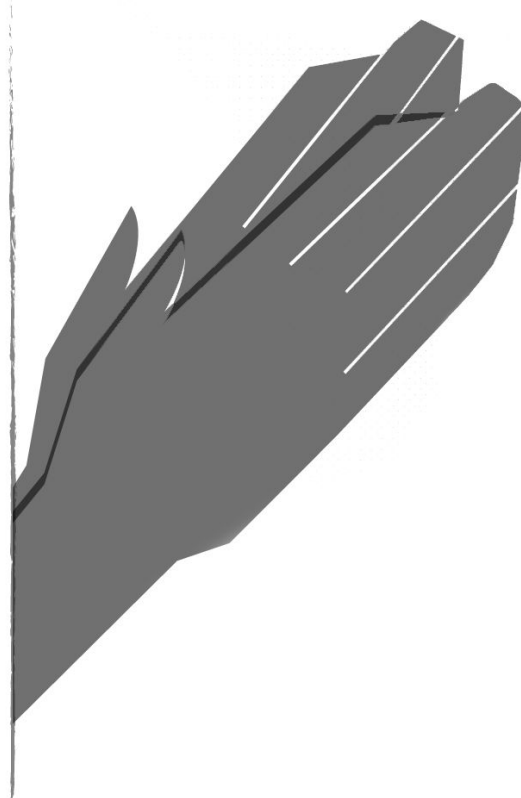
Pick up this packet and get praying!

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS  
ABOUT ANYTHING,  
BUT IN EVERYTHING

BY PRAYER &  
SUPPLICATION

WITH THANKSGIVING  
LET YOUR REQUESTS  
BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6



When Jesus’ disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, Jesus gave them a prayer. We call it “The Lord’s Prayer.” Jesus understood that, ultimately, we can’t learn to pray except by praying. Thankfully, the Lord’s prayer is the perfect prayer to teach us to pray.

At the front of the sanctuary, you will find stations that will assist you to pray the Lord’s prayer in a fresh way. At each station, there is an opportunity to create something to help you talk to God. Pick one that seems right and start there. If these creative exercises help you, wonderful! If not, you’ll still find plenty of suggestions for prayer. Either way, the goal is simply to invite Christ to come in mercy to help us-- to us, to our church, and to the whole world.



## The Adoration Station (“Our Father in heaven, holy is your name”)

**Background:** The prayer that Jesus teaches his disciples begins with adoration of God. God evokes our worship while at the same time being identified as a loving parent. Adoration reminds us that our faith is ultimately not about us, but about God and God’s purposes.

**Creative Prayer:** Write a love letter to God! Many of the Psalms are words of praise for God! Make their words your words by rewriting part of one of the following Psalms as a letter to God. Or just write your own words of Praise and Thankfulness! Sign it “With Love, Your Son/Daughter”:

- Psalm 8: The LORD’s Glory in Creation
- Psalm 29: Praise to God for His Glory and Strength
- Psalm 33: Praise to The LORD for His Character and Creation
- Psalm 46: God Provides for and Protects His People
- Psalm 47: God Is King over All the Earth
- Psalm 48: The Greatness of God in Zion
- Psalm 65: Thanksgiving for God’s Provision
- Psalm 66: Thanksgiving to God for His Works
- Psalm 67: A Prayer of Blessing
- Psalm 68: Praise to God for Providing Victory
- Psalm 76: Praise to God for His Rescue of Israel
- Psalm 81: An Appeal from God to Israel
- Psalm 84: The Joy of Worshiping in the Temple
- Psalm 87: Foreign Nations Come to Worship in Jerusalem
- Psalm 92: Thanksgiving to The LORD for Victory
- Psalm 93: The LORD Is King Over All the Earth
- Psalm 95: A Call to Worship and Obey
- Psalm 96: The LORD the King Comes in Judgment
- Psalm 97: The LORD’s Glorious Reign
- Psalm 98: Praise to The LORD for His Salvation and Judgment
- Psalm 99: The LORD Is a Holy King
- Psalm 100: Worship God with Joy
- Psalm 103: Thanksgiving for The LORD’s Compassion
- Psalm 104: Praise to The LORD for His Creation and Providence
- Psalm 105: Praise to The LORD for His Work on Behalf of Israel
- Psalm 106: Praise to The LORD for His Faithfulness in Israel’s History
- Psalm 108: Prayer to The LORD for Victory over Enemies
- Psalm 111: Praise to God for His Work and Commands
- Psalm 113: God’s Majesty and Care for the Needy
- Psalm 114: Praise to God for His Works During the Exodus
- Psalm 115: Dead Idols and the Living God
- Psalm 117: Let All Peoples Praise The LORD
- Psalm 135: Praise to God for His Power and Redemption
- Psalm 136: Praise to God for His Creation and Deliverance
- Psalm 138: Thanksgiving for The LORD’s Goodness
- Psalm 145: A Song of God’s Majesty and Love
- Psalm 146: Praise to The LORD for His Help
- Psalm 147: Praise to The LORD for His Providence
- Psalm 148: Let All Creation Praise The LORD
- Psalm 149: Praise to God for His Future Judgment
- Psalm 150: Let Everything Praise The LORD

Additional Ideas for Prayer:

- Simply prayerfully read some of the above Psalms!
- Where have you seen God at work today? This week? As you think through this, find some ways to complete the following sentences:
  - Thank you God for...
  - I worship you because...
  - God you are...
- Words of adoration aren't limited to the Psalms. Try using these other passages to give you words to praise God:

○ 1 Samuel 2:1-10	○ Isaiah 40:10-17
○ 1 Chronicles 29:10b-13	○ Luke 1:46-55
○ Isaiah 12:2-6	○ Luke 1: 68-79
- A traditional way to close a prayer of adoration is by using the following words: "Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen."

## **Kingdom, Come! [Intersession Station] (“Your Kingdom Come”)**

**Background:** The Kingdom of God was inaugurated by Christ, but we await the time when God’s glorious rule will be over all the earth (Hab 2:14), bringing an end to injustice, oppression, violence, sickness, evil and even death itself (Rev. 21:3-4). Not only is this our hope for the future, but this is our hope for *now*. Jesus teaches us to pray that God’s kingdom would come!

**Creative prayer:** Look over the map and choose a place to pray for. Pray that God’s Kingdom would come in that place. Pray for the “3 P’s”: the People struggling, the Pastors, and the Peacekeepers/Peacemakers. Place a pushpin on the map. Let’s cover the world with prayers!

**Additional Ideas for Prayer:** (Optional: Bring some of these prayers to the petition station)  
Pray “Your Kingdom Come...”

- In my household (pray for members of your family individually)
  - Pray for the children to grow "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52)
  - Pray for the healing of broken relationships and for increased faith.
- In my church
  - Pray by name for people from the church (use the church directory)
  - Pray for those who are sick and shut-in (use a Bulletin)
  - Pray for those who are mourning.
  - Pray for that we would find fresh ways to live out our mission “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”
- In Lansdowne (and/or where you live)
  - Pray for your physical neighbors
  - Pray for the schools-- the administrators, teachers, assistants, and students
  - Pray for other churches in the area
  - Pray for our church’s neighbors, including the Volunteer Firefighters
- In Baltimore
  - Pray for Police
  - Pray for victims of Human Trafficking and/or violence
  - Pray for those who are abusing drugs and their families
  - Pray for those are in jail or prison.
  - Pray for area churches and the work they do.
- In America
  - Pray for our leaders
  - Pray for military members and their families-- especially those who are separated
  - Pray for an awakening/revival of the church!
- In the Whole World
  - Pray for Christians who are persecuted
  - Pray for those who live in extreme poverty
  - Pray for those living in war zones and those who have had to flee (Refugees)



## Soften up! (“Your Will Be Done”)

*O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.*  
-- Isaiah 64:8

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Do not harden your hearts...*  
-- Psalm 95:7b-8a

**Creative prayer:** Play with the clay! Make something and then smash it! As you mold it in your hands, consider this: are you open to God continuing to shape and mold you, or has your heart become hardened? If God tried to change you, would you conform to God’s will, or would you simply break because your heart is too hard?

- Ask God to soften your heart by praying “your will be done in my heart and in my life”
- Consider the words of the “Covenant Prayer” in the United Methodist Hymnal, #607.  
Can you pray that prayer? If not, why not? Ask God to shape you into who you need to be.

### Additional Ideas for Prayer

Pray “your will be done”...

- In your own heart
  - Pray that the love of God would be poured into your heart by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5) so that you could truly love God and your neighbor.
  - Pray that you would know (or know anew) the saving power of Christ in your own life and that God would give you a testimony to share with the world.
  - “For this is the will of God, your sanctification” (1 Thess. 4:3). Pray that God would soften your heart to confront whatever sin continues to have power over you.
  - What are the places where your will is done at the expense of God’s? Pray about that.
- In places where your prayers seem to go unanswered.



## **Petition Station (“Give us this day our daily bread”)**

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

-- Philippians 4:6-7

*If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*

-- Matthew 7:11

*Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.*

-- 1 Peter 5:7

### **Creative Prayer:** Make a prayer, leave a prayer

- Unpin a card from the net. Read it and pray for the person/place/thing/situation that is described. Put a dot on the side without lines so others will know that you’ve prayed about it. Place it back on the net.
- Make your own index card. In big letters, write a summary of your prayer request on the blank side of the card. On the back (lined) side, write more details that will help someone else pray. Don’t forget to pray for it yourself!

### **Additional Ideas for Prayer**

- Ask God for what the things you need-- even if you are sure you’ll get them without praying ( like “daily bread”)!
- Whatever you ask God for, consider the following advice: “Keep it simple. Keep it real. And keep it up!” (Pete Greig, founder of 24-7 Prayer)



## **Forgiving Station**

**(“Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us”)**

*For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

-- Matthew 6:14-15

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

-- Psalm 139:23-24

### **Creative Prayer:**

- **The Sin Bin:** What sins do you need to ask God to forgive? When you decide that you need to repent (that is, turn from-- change your heart and your life), write the attitude, act, or behavior on a piece of paper. Ask God to forgive your sin. Then shred it!
- **Wash it off!:** Who do you need to forgive? Write the names of those you need to forgive on your hands. As you ask Jesus to help you forgive them, wash your hands in the bowl of water.

### **Additional Ideas for Prayer:**

- Formal prayers can be helpful when you make them your own. Pray this prayer, pausing after each line to consider its significance:

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*



**Battle time!**  
**“Deliver us from the Evil One” (Matthew 6:13)**

*For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

-- Ephesians 6:12

*[Jesus] disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in [the cross].*

-- Colossians 2:14b-15

*Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?... Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?*

-- Baptismal Vows, The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 34

**Background**

When Jesus died and was raised, he disarmed the evil powers of the world. Yet the Evil One is still at work in the world. As Christians we reject evil, injustice, and oppression, and pray for the Kingdom of God to have victory over Evil.

**Creative Prayer:** Pick up a section of the newspaper. Find a place where you see evil, injustice, or oppression. Use a marker to write a summary of your prayer over the article. Keep it simple and keep it positive (e.g. “Bring peace,” “Bring justice,” “Bring Love,” or “Bring Healing”)

**Additional Ideas for Prayer:**

- Where in the news do you see God’s Kingdom triumphing over Evil? Pray for those places that God’s Kingdom triumphs!
- “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21) One of the most basic ways that we overcome evil is by ridding ourselves of our participation in and complacency in evil. Ask God to reveal to you the places that you are not fully accepting the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression.