**Some Worship at home/for churches resources**

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**Bible podcasts from Blackburn Diocese**

<https://www.bdeducation.org.uk/podcasts/bible-podlets/>

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**Lots of things can be found on this national site particularly worship at home**

<http://www.going4growth.com/growth_in_faith_and_worship/faith-in-the-home>

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**Prayer Ideas**

Try and vary the leader so it isn’t always an adult!

**World Prayers**

Take an inflatable globe, large atlas or map. Ask if anyone knows of any countries that need prayer and point them out. You might want to mark the countries with a small sticker. Ask someone to pray, thanking God for his creation and for the concerns mentioned

**Teaspoon Prayers**

Show or give everyone a teaspoon and ask them how you would write teaspoon in a recipe. Explain that you are going to do have kinds of prayers starting with t, s and p and can they think what those prayers could be. t= thank you, s= sorry and p= please

Next ask everyone for things they would like to pray for in each section, write them down and include them in a short, simple prayer.

**Hand Prayers**

All you need for this is your hand. Talk everyone through what you are going to do and add a prayer after each section.

* We begin with the thumb and pray for those closest to us.
* Then we move onto our finger that points and use this to pray for those who point the way in our lives.
* Our middle finger is our strongest finger so we pray for those who appear strong in our world.
* The ring finger is the weakest finger so we pray for those who are weak and poor or need special help from God today.
* And finally our little finger is used as a reminder to pray for ourselves.
* Amen.

**Cardboard Cut Out**

Make focuses for prayer by drawing pictures on card and cutting them out. They could be of anything - the world, the church, people, countries, characters from the Bible, etc. Make three or four different ones, large and bright if possible. It’s lovely to do this all together.

**Picture Prayers**

Instead of writing prayers everyone is invited to draw pictures of the people and things they want to pray about. Another lovely one to do all together.

**Paper Plane Prayers**

Each person makes a paper plane and then writes or draws something they want to pray for on the inside. Then everyone throws their planes at the same time and finds one that is not theirs. Then the group quietly pray for whatever or whoever is on the plane. Great for outside!

**Whirligig Prayers**

You can find templates for whirligigs on line. There are a variety of ways to use them. They could be printed with prayers or Bible verses or prayers can be written on them. Whatever you do with them there’s something joyful about throwing a whirligig in the air and watching it descend. Another good one for outside.

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