

Helping Families Pray for Paris

COLOUR PRAYERS

Using colour to express and form your prayers, as an individual, family or group. This activity can be done using:

- Coloured beads: threading beads onto a piece of string
- Paper chains: Strips of coloured paper with prayers, linked together to unite our prayers
- Playdough: coloured playdough molded into personal prayers and shapes
- Puzzle pieces: shapes of different coloured paper connected together to pray for different things
- Loom Bands: to create a bracelet
- Coloured sweets (m&ms, smarties, jelly beans)
- Finger painting: dipping your finger in coloured paint and adding a prayer dot to a sheet of paper. You might like to use the empty outline of a cross or a relevant shape, e.g. Eiffel Tower.



RED: For those hurting

Pray for those who have lost their lives, for those who have been hurt.



BLUE: Hope and peace

Thank God for His love and peace that passes all understanding, for rest and restoration



WHITE: Forgiveness

'Sorry' prayers, for forgiveness, mercy and justice



YELLOW: Thank you

For those who all who have helped (e.g. doctors, police, local people opening their homes)



GREEN: The World

For all areas of the world to know God's peace, love and comfort



PINK: Please

'Asking' prayers, for themselves or others



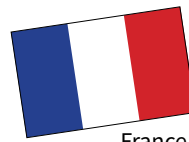
ORANGE: World leaders

Pray for wisdom, clear thinking, compassion and right decisions

FLAG PRAYERS

You will need

- Pens, crayons, pencil crayons
- Small pieces of A6 paper
- Blue tack, pegs or tape
- Optional: Newspapers, world atlas, world map a book of flags, globe



France



Lebanon



Libya

What to do

- Encourage children to think of a country that they would like to pray for, perhaps one they have heard of in the news recently, or one they know of.
- Draw the flag of the country and encourage them to think of some things to pray while they are drawing.
- Write or draw a prayer onto the back of the flag
- Stick the flag onto a world map on the wall or attach to a string with some tape or a peg to some flag bunting. If the child wants to have their own flag, you can also attach to a straw or stick

Dear God,
Give us today, grace;
to those hurt in Paris, comfort and rest;
to world leaders, wisdom;
to all the earth, peace;
and to us and to every faithful servant,
life everlasting:
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

(Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book, Anglican Church of NZ)

Other resources

strandz.org.nz/prayer
www.prayerspacesinschools.com