



## Matthew 6:9-13 - Prayer Beads Bracelet

Supplies: Purple, Green, Pink, Blue, Yellow, Orange Beads, , Chenille Wire 1 per child.

Make a loop at one end of your chenille wire and secure by twisting it. Add beads as instructed. Feed the other end of your chenille wire into the loop, pull through to size and then twist to secure.

#### Part 1 - The Father's Character (Purple bead)

"Hallowed by thy name." God is present with us, but he is also very different. He is holy, with no darkness or sin – and so we pause to acknowledge that he is what we long to be. As followers of Jesus we want God's holiness to be a reality in us so that other's may see Him here on earth.

#### Part 2 - The Father's Kingdom (Green bead)

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We have access to God the Father – and he is king. He's not a king – he's the King. In this, we are saying that we want what he wants. God's king-dom is full of light and love, and we want that kingdom to advance in this world of darkness and hate. We want what God wants: to see everyone come out of this world of sin and into God's kingdom of forgive-ness.

#### Part 3 – The Father's Provision (Pink bead)

"Give us this day our daily bread." Each of us here tonight knows that we are needy – we're humans! In pray, we can acknowledge and admit that. Our needs can be physical, spiritual, or emotional – this is what "daily bread" implies. It is included. God has the means to meet our needs – whatever our "hunger" is. Not only are we demonstrating our need, but we're also trusting that He will provide for us.

#### Part 4 - The Father's Forgiveness (Blue bead)

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." We often stray from relying on God, or from the path of Jesus. In this prayer, we are asking God to help us not to stray from his place within His kingdom. And when other people stray from their path onto ours, hurting us and causing us pain, then we need to forgive them as God has forgiven us.

### Part 5 - The Father's Guidance (Yellow bead)

"Lead us not into temptation." To this point our prayer has been dealing with our relationship with the Father and with those around us. Here it changes, now dealing with us going out into the world with the message of God's love and forgiveness. We're praying for God to give us the strength to be in the world but not of the world.

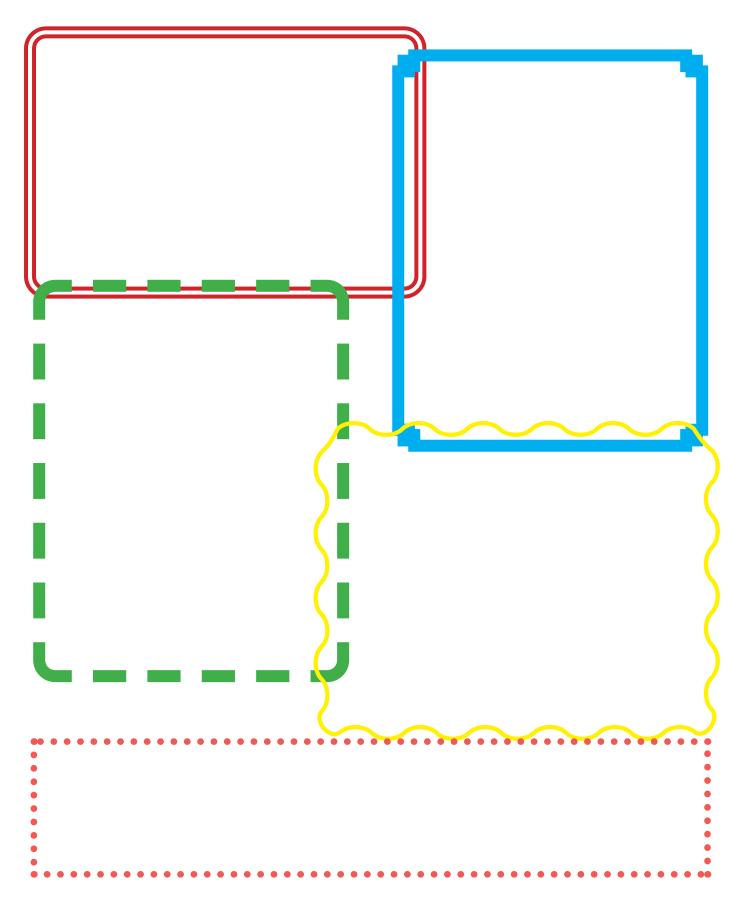
#### Part 6 – The Father's Protection (Orange bead)

"And deliver us from evil." We do have an enemy, and he uses temptation (among other things) to draw us away. Jesus tells us that the evil one comes only to steal and kill. He wants to steal our health, steal our joy and our love. Here, we are praying that God would keep us safe as we venture through life in service to God.

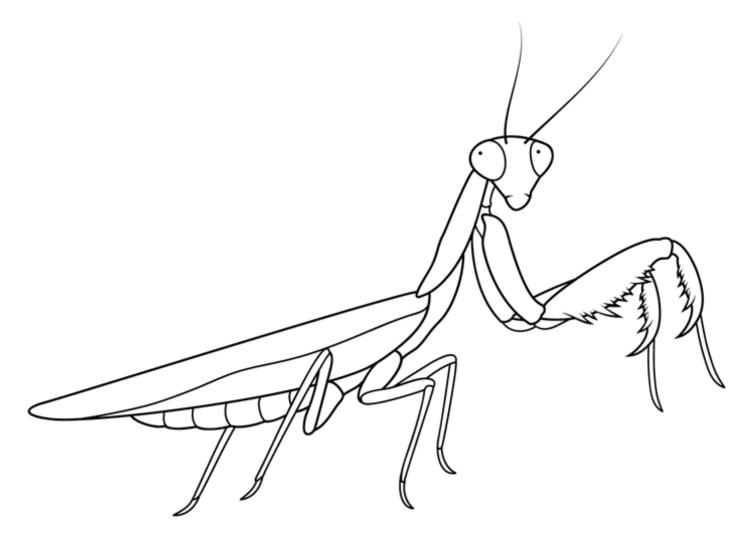




Do associate/connect colours with emotions? Write words or draw in the boxes what emotions you feel when you see these colours.



Meet the praying mantis - I wonder what she is praying about. As you pray use your crayons to colour the praying mantis!



What colour is your mantis? Why did you choose that colour?

What is it praying for you?



Intercessory Prayer is just a fancy way of saying, "Praying for other People".

# Praying for others responses - Brick Activity

What was something that was meaningful to you about this activity?

How do you feel about praying for others?

What is something you might think about from this activity when praying for others?

How much hurt, emotions, difficulty people are carrying or feeling?

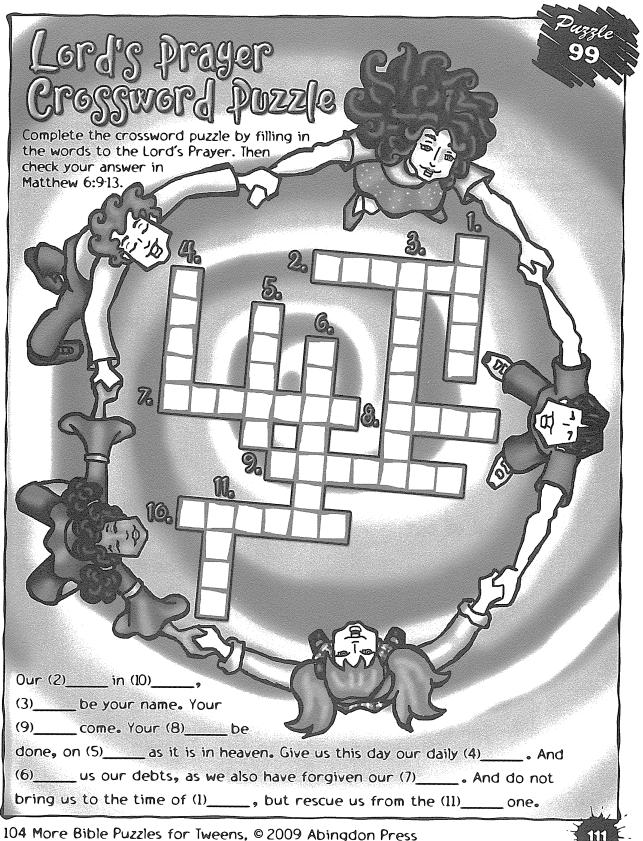
The laying down of a friend to Jesus (bring a friend to Jesus in prayer)?

How can your faith impact or shape a friend's life?

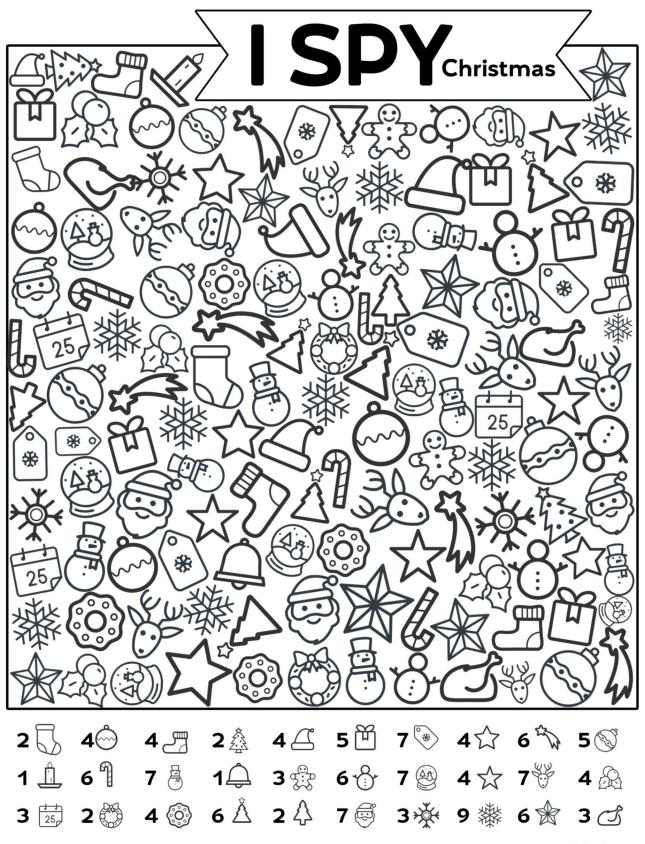
What is the name of the person you prayed for?

How will you commit them to prayer each day?









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