

KFC Newsletter

Prayer – it's talking to our God!



Following Jesus is not about doing what he tells us to do or not to do; it is about building a relationship with him. God desires us to have a deep and personal relationship with him. There are many ways to achieve that, and praying is one. God speaks to us through his word, and we talk to him through prayer.

It is difficult for kids to pray if they are not sure exactly what prayer is. So, it is important to help them understand the why and the how of prayer.

**Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.
(Colossian 4:2)**

Why do we pray?

God already knows everything that is happening in our lives, but he wants us to talk to him. Think about your family or your good friends – if you never talked to them, how could you have a good relationship with them? God wants us to tell him our joy, our worries, our desires, our fears and our needs. We can talk to God about everything!

KFC's Vision

**"Leading kids to be disciples of
Jesus and helping them to make
others become one".**

How should we pray?

God does not want us to pray like robots; he wants us to pray with our heart. There is no fixed place, time nor pattern. The key is to spend time with God. Jesus knew our thoughts, and he taught us how to pray in Matthew 6: 9-13. We can summarise the main elements of prayer as ACTS: adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication.

Let us continue talking to God, and set the example for our kids to do so as well.

Pastor Candy

Welcome



Nursery:

Kora Yang

Gareth Lee

Jordan Cheng

Benjamin Fung

Year 3:

Jax Wong

Hannah Kwong

Preschool:

Anvil Kam

Year 4:

Annabelle Chan

Year 1:

Anton Kam

Rosabelle Chan

Year 5: Marilyn Fan

Year 6: Anson Kam

New Kids in Term 1





Tips and Ideas on Teaching Kids to Pray

We all know that spending time praying to God each day is one of the crucial elements to spiritual growth and building our relationship with God. And we all agree that it is important to teach and encourage our kids to pray. However, we might struggle with “When do we start asking our kids to pray?” or “How do we cultivate prayer in their lives?” Below are some practical ideas collected from various articles, and hopefully you will find one or two that work for you and your family.

C.H.A.T. with God

Confession – telling God that we are sorry for our sins, the things that we thought, said or did which hurt God or others.

Honour – declaring what we know to be true about God, his characters (e.g. loving, compassion, forgiving, amazing ... etc).

Ask – laying our requests before God, can be for ourselves or for others, for big things or small things.

Thank – saying thankyou to God for what he did, could be answering our prayers or giving us bravery.

Names of God Prayers



Gods is described and named in many ways in the Bible, and all of them give us a deeper understanding of who God is, his character and nature. Find a list of the names of God that are used throughout Bible, using one of the names of God on the list each time, looking up the passage, talk about that name, and then spend some time to pray.

- Good Shepherd
- Comforter
- Fortress
- Bread of Life
- Hiding Place
- Saviour
- Light of the World
- Helper ...



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(<https://www.prayertoday.org/2004/PDF/Guides/Jesus-Names-Alpha-List.PDF>)



Visual Prayer Board

- Have a prayer board with some sticky notes nearby to encourage kids to write down prayer requests and post them up;
- Print out news or articles and post them up;
- Put up photos of family members and friends, or missionaries that we support;
- Each time you pray with your kids, pick a few things / people from the board.



Helpful articles:

- "9 Quick tips for teaching kids to pray" by Maurcia DeLean Houck (<https://childrensministry.com/teaching-kids-pray/>)
- 11 Creative Ideas for Teaching Kids How to Pray by Courtney Wilson (<https://ministriyspark.com/creative-ideas-teaching-kids-prayer/>)

Weekly Prayer Calendar

MON	school
TUE	family
WED	friends
THU	neighbour
FRI	world
SAT	missionaries
SUN	church

Assign each day of the week to pray for a certain theme or category.

Tips:

- **Lead by modelling, and let them see you pray first**
- **Make it a habit in your family**
- **Set a certain time and keep to it**
- **Start out short, then increase the time as your kids grow, but be flexible**
- **Prayer should be specific and simple, rather than vague and unclear**
- **Keep a family prayer journal, writing down prayers and mark when God answers**



Q & A

is a space for us to share
- the joy of fellowship,
the laughter and tears
as teachers, and more.

This issue features two children leaders : **Jane** and **Henry**.
How well do you know them?



Jane Chau



Q: Hi Jane, how long have you been attending ND?
A: I have been attending ND for almost ten years now! I still remember then when Faith was a toddler at KFC.

Q: How long have you been serving at KFC?

A: I started serving at KFC some six to seven years ago.

Q: Do you have children? How old are they?

A: I have two. Sidney, 13 years old and Faith, 11 years old.

Q: What do you do during the week? What is the best way to spend your weekends?

A: I work at school helping prep school teacher take care of young students. During weekends, I love sewing and walking our dog Fluffy. That is my most precious "me time".

Q: Is there anything interesting about you that people might not know?

A: I like sewing, especially sewing small pieces of cloth together, doing patchwork. I also like making Chinese soup.



Q: What is your greatest joy in serving at KFC?

A: Seeing children learn God's Word and how to pray is a great joy. It is absolutely rewarding.

Q: What is the biggest challenge in serving at KFC?

A: Perhaps how to continue to nurture God's seeds in very young kids. We need the grace from God.

Q: What is your favourite Bible verse? Do you mind sharing with us?

A: My favourite Bible verse is Proverb 3:5-6: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Q: How can people be praying for you?

A: Pray that I will have full faith in God and "lean not my own understanding" and experience.

Q & A

Henry Man



Q: How long have you been attending ND?

A: About 25 years, attending the English congregation.

Q: How long have you been serving at KFC?

A: Three years (K-2 for one year and Y3-6 for two years).

Q: Do you have children? How old are they?

A: Two boys, Jacob 6, and Lucas 3.

Q: What do you do during the week? What is the best way to spend your weekends?

A: Full time as an accountant. Weekends going on a bike ride with the family, and being with brothers and sisters at church on Sunday.

Q: Is there anything interesting about you that people might not know?

A: I have dual Scottish/Australian Citizenship.



Q: What is your greatest joy in serving at KFC?

A: Seeing the children at church read, understand and apply God's Word.

Q: What is the biggest challenge in serving at KFC?

A: Keeping up with the kids!

Q: What is your favourite Bible verse? Do you mind sharing with us?

A: Romans 8:38-39 – *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Q: How can people be praying for you?

A: Pray for having unwavering faith in our Lord, hope and patience for the return of Jesus Christ, and love in the service of my family and church community.



Tell me more about the Bible

Do you know how many books are there in the Bible?

Old Testament (OT) - 39 , **New Testament (NT) - 27**

The trick to remember the layout of **OT** and **NT** is in the form of a simple math question: **3 X 9 = 27**

Total = 66 books of the Bible

Below is a more detailed breakdown. Can you come up with your own trick to remember the number of books?

Law - 5
History - 12
Poetry - 5
Major Prophets - 12
Minor Prophets - 5

OT

Gospel - 4
Church History - 1
Paul's Letters - 13
Other Letters - 9

NT

Recruitment

Calling all High School Creatives!

If you're passionate about writing and graphic design, we'd love to have you on board.

Reach out to Pastor Candy or Bun for more details.

Fill in the missing words and sing!



God is so _____,

God is so _____,

God is so _____,

He is good to me!

Glory, hallelujah,

Glory, hallelujah,

Glory, hallelujah,

He is _____ to me!

