

TKC Prayer Station Ideas

The following 10 prayer stations are suggestions for use during the 11 days of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost (9-19th May). These days are a call to prayer by 'Thy Kingdom Come', launched in 2016 by The Church of England and now a global ecumenical movement.

As not all guests at the Ecumenical Outreach will be familiar with the work of MU, it is suggested that each of the prayer stations are based around a MU activity. Information about these activities can be found on the MU website.

Each prayer station includes an opportunity for people to pray for the 5 individuals they have committed to praying for during TKC that they will know the love of God for themselves.

Note: Feel free to adapt and customize the content of each station according to the specific context and resources available. Additionally, consider incorporating interactive elements such as art, music, or symbolic gestures to enhance the prayer experience.

Stations:

1. Praying for those entrapped by modern slavery
2. Giving Thanks for Overseas Literacy Programs
3. Praying for Loved Ones to Know God's Love
4. Held in God's Hands: A Prayer Station of Intercession
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For all of us taking part in these prayer stations we pray:
That our own faith may be strengthened and deepened.
That the Holy Spirit will empower all of us to be more effective in our witness.

1. Praying for those entrapped by modern slavery: A Prayer Station

Station setup: Strips of paper and Prit stick (to avoid using plastic tape – environmental awareness) to make paper chains.



Introduction: Welcome to our prayer station dedicated to exploring modern slavery through a Christian lens. In this interactive space, we invite you to delve into the complexities of this pervasive issue through reflection, prayer, and action. As followers of Christ, we are called to stand against oppression and advocate for justice. Let us embark on this journey together, seeking God's guidance and grace.

'The Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty'. 2 Corinthians 3:17

Focus 1: Awareness and Education

Pray for eyes to be opened and hearts to be stirred to action.

Ask God to grant wisdom and discernment as we seek to understand the root causes and complexities of modern slavery.

Focus 2: Compassion and Empathy

Pray for the victims, asking God to provide comfort, healing, and freedom. Pray also for perpetrators to experience transformation and repentance.

Focus 3: Advocacy and Action

Reflect on how you can actively engage in the fight against modern slavery. Consider joining one of Mothers' Union's Communities of Interest to help raise awareness, and advocate for policy changes. Pray for courage and boldness to speak out against injustice and to be a voice for the voiceless. Ask God to empower you to take practical steps toward combating modern slavery in your community and beyond.

Focus 4: Restoration and Hope

Contemplate God's heart for restoration and redemption. Meditate on scriptures that speak of freedom, justice, and liberation. Pray for God's healing and restoration to flow into the lives of survivors, enabling them to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope. Ask God to use His church as a beacon of light and love in bringing healing and restoration to those affected by modern slavery.

Action – break the paper chain to symbolise the gradual liberation of victims from slavery.

Conclusion: As we conclude our time at this prayer station, may we carry the burden of modern slavery in our hearts and prayers. Let us commit to being advocates for justice, agents of change, and vessels of God's love in a world marred by exploitation and oppression. May our prayers ignite a movement of compassion, action, and transformation. Amen.

Pray for your 5:

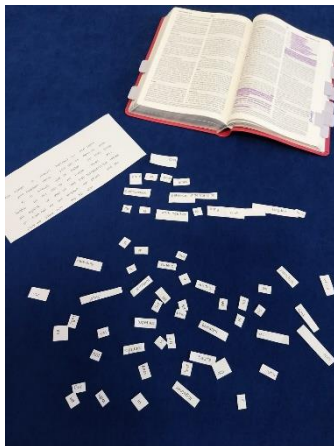
Ask God to show Himself to your five people in the way that is most helpful for each of them. Ask God to prompt them to be an agent for change.

2. Giving Thanks for Overseas Literacy Programs: A Prayer Station

Station Setup: Set up the station with visual aids such as photographs or posters depicting literacy programs in action, as well as quotes or statistics highlighting their impact. Provide materials for writing prayers, such as paper, pens, and a designated area for prayer requests.

'All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching and training in righteousness, that the people of God may be equipped for every good work.'

2 Timothy 3:16-17



Introduction: Welcome to this prayer station dedicated to giving thanks for overseas literacy programs. In this space, we acknowledge the transformative impact of education on individuals and communities around the world. Through prayer and reflection, let us express gratitude for the invaluable work of literacy programs and uplift those who benefit from them.

Prayer suggestion: have the following prayers (1-10) written on strips of paper in a prayer pot. Invite the group members to select one each and to sit quietly reading the prayer slowly. Invite each in turn to read out their prayer in number order.

1 Gracious and loving God,

We come before You with hearts overflowing with gratitude for the gift of education and the incredible work of overseas literacy programs. In Your wisdom and providence, You have ordained that knowledge and learning be pathways to empowerment, liberation, and transformation. Today, we lift our voices in thanksgiving for the countless lives touched and changed through these programs.

2 We thank You, Lord, for the dedicated educators and volunteers who tirelessly champion the cause of literacy in communities across the globe. Bless them abundantly for their passion, commitment, and sacrificial service. Grant them wisdom, creativity, and resilience as they navigate challenges and strive to make a difference in the lives of others.

3 We give thanks for the students and learners who have embraced the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills through literacy programs. Thank You for their determination, perseverance, and thirst for learning. May their minds be enriched, their horizons expanded, and their futures filled with hope and possibility.

4 We praise You, O God, for the families and communities that have been uplifted and empowered through the power of education. Thank You for the ripple effect of literacy, as it

transcends generations and breaks the cycle of poverty. Strengthen families, transform communities, and ignite a passion for lifelong learning among Your people.

5 We acknowledge, Lord, that access to education is not a reality for all. We lift up in prayer those who still lack basic literacy skills, especially women and girls who face barriers and discrimination. May Your justice and compassion prevail, and may all individuals be given equal opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.

6 We recognize, Heavenly Father, the importance of literacy in fostering peace, understanding, and cooperation among nations. Thank You for the bridges of friendship and solidarity that are built through educational exchange and collaboration. Inspire leaders and policymakers to prioritize education as a means of building a brighter, more inclusive future for all humanity.

7 We pray for the continued success and sustainability of Mothers' Union's literacy programs. Grant them abundant resources, partnerships, and support networks to carry out their vital mission effectively. May they adapt to changing needs and circumstances with grace and agility, remaining steadfast in their commitment to educational excellence and equity.

8 As we reflect on the blessings of education, Lord, we are reminded of Your ultimate wisdom and truth revealed to us through Your Word. Just as literacy opens doors to knowledge and understanding, may Your Word illuminate our hearts and minds, guiding us on the path of righteousness and salvation.

9 In Your mercy, O God, hear our prayers for those who are still in need of literacy and education. May Your light shine in the darkest corners of the world, bringing hope and enlightenment to all who seek it. Use us, Lord, as instruments of Your peace and justice, as we strive to make a difference in the lives of others.
We offer these prayers of thanksgiving and supplication in the name of Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Redeemer. Amen.

Conclusion: As we conclude this prayer station, let us carry with us a renewed sense of gratitude for the transformative power of education. May we be inspired to continue supporting and advocating for Mothers' Union's literacy programs, knowing that through our collective efforts, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals and communities around the world.

Pray for your 5: Give thanks to God for all of the good things you see in each of your five people. If you sense God speaking with you as you pray, write down what He says.

3. Red Hearts/Bowl: Praying for Loved Ones to Know God's Love



Station Setup: Arrange the prayer station with comfortable seating and a quiet atmosphere conducive to reflection and prayer. Provide materials such as prayer cards, red paper hearts, pens, and a designated space for written prayers or reflections. Display scripture verses or quotes about God's love to inspire participants. This prayer station might be particularly useful for your indoor members as they continue to pray for the work of Mothers' Union in your diocese and around the world.

'Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayers and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made to God.' - Philippians 4:6

Introduction: Welcome to this prayer station dedicated to lifting up our friends and family members in prayer, asking for God's love to touch their hearts and lead them into a personal relationship with Him. Let us gather in faith and love as we intercede for our loved ones, trusting in God's perfect timing and unfailing love.

Action: Write the name of anyone you pray for on a paper heart and place in the bowl

Prayers: Use the following prayers or other prayers of your choosing

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with hearts burdened yet hopeful, lifting up our dear friends and family members who have yet to experience the depth of Your love for themselves. We believe, Lord, that Your heart longs for each of Your children to know You intimately and to experience the transforming power of Your love in their lives.

We pray, O God, for those we hold dear who have not yet accepted Your invitation to enter into a personal relationship with You. Open their hearts, Lord, to receive Your love, grace, and forgiveness. Soften the barriers of doubt, fear, and indifference that may prevent them from drawing near to You.

Father, we thank You for the seeds of faith that have been planted in the lives of our loved ones, whether through our words, actions, or the witness of others. Water those seeds, Lord, with the nourishment of Your Word and the promptings of Your Spirit, that they may take root and grow into a vibrant and enduring faith.

We pray for divine appointments and opportunities for our loved ones to encounter Your presence in tangible ways. Surround them, Lord, with Your love and grace, drawing them ever closer to You. May they experience Your peace that surpasses understanding and Your joy that fills the soul.

Lord, we ask for wisdom and discernment as we engage with our loved ones about matters of faith. Grant us the right words to speak, the patience to listen, and the humility to trust in Your timing and Your ways. Help us to be faithful witnesses of Your love, reflecting Your light and truth in all that we say and do.

We lift up in prayer those who are struggling with doubts, questions, or past hurts that have kept them from fully embracing Your love. Heal their wounds, Lord, and reassure them of Your unchanging love and acceptance. May they find rest and restoration in Your presence.

Father, we know that salvation is Your work, and Your work alone. We surrender our loved ones into Your loving care, trusting in Your perfect timing and Your unfailing love. Help us to release our anxieties and fears, knowing that You are working all things together for good according to Your purpose.

As we continue to pray for our friends and family members, may Your love permeate every aspect of their lives, drawing them closer to You day by day. May they come to know the depth, height, and breadth of Your love that surpasses knowledge, and may they be transformed by it forevermore. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Conclusion: As we conclude this prayer station, let us carry with us a renewed sense of hope and trust in God's faithfulness. May we continue to intercede for our loved ones with faith and persistence, knowing that God's love has the power to break through every barrier and draw hearts closer to Him.

Pray for your 5: As you hold in God's presence the five people you are praying for, ask that they will know God's abundant love for them, so that filled with gratitude, they may love God in return.

4. Held in God's Hands: A Prayer Station of Intercession



Station Setup: Set up the station with drawing materials such as paper, pens, and markers. Provide comfortable seating and a quiet atmosphere conducive to reflection and prayer. Display a visual representation of hands cradling a heart or the globe, symbolizing God's encompassing love and care.

'I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people' *1 Timothy 2:1*

Introduction: Welcome to this prayer station, where we symbolically represent our friends by drawing around our hand, with each finger representing a friend whom we lift up in prayer. As we visualize our loved ones held in God's hands, let us intercede for them, asking that they may know the depth of His love and the security of His

embrace.

Prayer suggestions:

Gracious and loving God,

As we gather in this sacred space, we are reminded of Your promise that we are held securely in Your hands. We come before You, each of us representing our friends and loved ones by tracing the outline of our hands, symbolizing our interconnectedness and unity in prayer.

We lift up before You, O Lord, each friend represented by a finger on our hand. We pray for their well-being, their joys, and their struggles. We ask that You would surround them with Your love, protection, and grace.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the friend represented by our thumb. May they know Your strength and guidance in every decision they make. Give them wisdom and discernment as they navigate life's challenges. May they find courage and confidence in Your unfailing love.

We lift up to You, Lord, the friend represented by our index finger. May they always seek after You as the true source of wisdom and knowledge. Draw them closer to You, illuminating their path with Your truth and light. May they find purpose and direction in Your will for their lives.

Father, we pray for the friend represented by our middle finger. May they experience Your peace that surpasses all understanding, especially in times of uncertainty and anxiety. Comfort them with Your presence and reassure them of Your steadfast love.

We bring before You, O God, the friend represented by our ring finger. May they know the depth of Your love and commitment to them. Bless their relationships, both romantic and platonic, with grace, harmony, and mutual respect. May they experience the joy of companionship and the beauty of love that reflects Your own.

Lord, we pray for the friend represented by our little finger. May they feel Your tender care and compassion, especially in moments of loneliness or despair. Surround them with a community of support and encouragement, reminding them that they are never alone.

As we lift up each friend in prayer, we ask that You would draw them closer to You, enveloping them in Your loving embrace. May they know the security of being held in Your hands, trusting in Your goodness and faithfulness.

We thank You, Lord, for the privilege of interceding on behalf of our friends. Help us to be faithful in lifting them up to You in prayer, knowing that You hear our cries and answer according to Your perfect will.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Conclusion: As we conclude this prayer station, let us carry with us the assurance that our friends are held securely in God's hands. May we continue to intercede for them, trusting in His love and sovereignty to guide and protect them each step of the way. Amen.

Pray for your 5: Ask God to help the five people you are praying for to open their hearts and hands to receive His love through hearing His voice.

5. Giving Thanks for MU Overseas Work: A Prayer Station



Station Setup: Set up the station with visual aids such as photographs or posters depicting Christian overseas projects and their impact. Provide materials for writing prayers, such as paper, pens, and a designated area for prayer requests. Display scripture verses or quotes about compassion, justice, and stewardship to inspire participants.

‘Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit... and lo, I am with you to the end of the age.’ *Matthew 28:19-20*

Introduction: Welcome to this prayer station dedicated to giving thanks for Christian overseas work. As we reflect on the transformative impact of such initiatives, let us lift our hearts in gratitude for the countless lives that have been touched and empowered through these efforts. Through prayer and reflection, let us acknowledge God's faithfulness and the partnership of His people in alleviating poverty, promoting justice, and building sustainable communities around the world.

Prayer suggestions:

Gracious and merciful God,

We come before You with hearts overflowing with gratitude for the abundance of Your blessings and the outpouring of Your grace through Christian overseas work. We acknowledge You as the ultimate source of all good gifts and the inspiration behind every act of compassion and generosity.

We thank You, Lord, for the faithful stewardship of resources and talents by Christian organisations and individuals who are committed to serving the most vulnerable and marginalised communities around the world. Thank You for their sacrificial love, unwavering dedication, and innovative approaches to addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the tangible impact of Christian overseas work in transforming lives, families, and entire communities. We rejoice in the stories of hope, resilience, and empowerment that emerge from projects focused on education, healthcare, clean water, economic empowerment, and sustainable agriculture.

We praise You, O God, for the partnerships forged between Christian organizations, local churches, governments, and communities in the pursuit of shared goals for human flourishing and sustainable development. Thank You for the spirit of collaboration, mutual respect, and cultural sensitivity that underpins these partnerships, fostering trust, unity, and solidarity.

Lord, we lift up in prayer the beneficiaries of Christian overseas work—the children, women, men, and families whose lives have been forever changed by Your grace and the generosity of Your people. We thank You for the dignity restored, the opportunities created, and the futures transformed through education, healthcare, and economic empowerment initiatives.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for those involved in planning, implementing, and evaluating overseas development projects. May they be guided by Your Spirit, informed by Your Word, and motivated by love for You and for their neighbours. Grant them creativity, resilience, and perseverance in the face of challenges and setbacks.

Father, we acknowledge that the work of Christian overseas work is not without its complexities, uncertainties, and limitations. We pray for humility, accountability, and transparency among all stakeholders, recognizing our dependence on Your guidance and grace in all our endeavours.

As we give thanks for the blessings of Christian overseas work, we also lift up in prayer those who are still in need of assistance, especially in regions affected by conflict, poverty, and natural disasters. May Your compassion and justice prevail, Lord, as we seek to alleviate suffering, promote dignity, and build resilience among the most vulnerable. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Conclusion: As we conclude this prayer station, let us carry with us a renewed sense of gratitude for the transformative power of Christian overseas work. May we continue to uphold these efforts in prayer, support them with our resources, and advocate for policies that promote justice, compassion, and sustainable development for all God's children around the world. Amen.

Pray for your 5: Pray quietly through the Lord's Prayer, praying for yourself and for your five people with each phrase. What comes to mind? Give thanks for the opportunity your five have to support overseas development.

6. Praying for Creation: A Garden Prayer Station on the Climate Crisis

Station Setup: Set up the prayer station amidst the natural beauty of a church garden, surrounded by trees, flowers, and other elements of creation. Provide seating or cushions for comfortable prayer. Display visual aids such as images of Earth, plants, and animals, as well as informative posters about the climate crisis and ways to care for the environment. Offer materials for writing prayers or reflections, such as paper, pens, and a designated area for prayer requests.

'Ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities; his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.' - Romans 1:20



Introduction: Welcome to this prayer station nestled in the beauty of God's creation, where we come together to lift up prayers for our planet amidst the climate crisis. As we immerse ourselves in the tranquillity of this garden, let us intercede for the healing and restoration of our environment, seeking God's guidance and grace in stewarding His creation. Let us remember that we are a global movement and whilst climate change is beginning to impact our lives here, in other countries it is having a devastating effect.

Prayer suggestions:

Creator God,

As we gather in this sanctuary of nature, we are reminded of Your awe-inspiring power and boundless creativity displayed in the wonders of creation. We come before You with hearts burdened by the climate crisis that threatens the delicate balance of ecosystems and the well-being of all life on Earth.

We lift up to You, O Lord, our planet Earth, entrusted to our care as stewards of Your creation. We confess our collective failures to safeguard the environment, to live in harmony with nature, and to honour the sacred interconnectedness of all living beings. Forgive us, Lord, for our greed, apathy, and negligence that have contributed to the degradation of the Earth.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the healing and restoration of our planet from the devastating impacts of climate change—rising temperatures, extreme weather events, deforestation, loss of biodiversity, and pollution. Grant us wisdom, courage, and determination to address

the root causes of the climate crisis and to implement sustainable solutions for the well-being of current and future generations.

We pray for all those who are disproportionately affected by the climate crisis, especially the poor, the marginalized, and the vulnerable. May Your compassion and justice prevail as we seek to address the inequities and injustices exacerbated by environmental degradation and climate change. Empower us to advocate for policies and practices that promote environmental justice, human dignity, and the common good.

Lord, we lift up in prayer the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities who bear the responsibility of making decisions that impact the environment and future generations. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and a deep sense of stewardship as they navigate the complexities of environmental policy and governance. May they prioritize the protection of creation and the well-being of all people in their decision-making processes.

We pray for the Church, Your body on Earth, called to be faithful stewards of creation and agents of reconciliation and healing in a broken world. Inspire us, Lord, to embody Your love for the Earth and all its inhabitants, to live simply and sustainably, and to advocate for policies and practices that honour Your creation and promote ecological flourishing.

As we immerse ourselves in the beauty of this garden, may we be reminded of Your boundless love and grace poured out upon all creation. Help us to cultivate a deep reverence and gratitude for the Earth, recognizing it as a sacred gift entrusted to our care. May our prayers and actions reflect our commitment to love and serve You by caring for Your creation.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Conclusion: As we conclude this prayer station, let us carry with us a renewed sense of purpose and responsibility as stewards of God's creation. May our prayers continue to rise like incense before the throne of God, seeking His guidance and grace in addressing the climate crisis and caring for the Earth. Amen.

Pray for your 5: 'King David in the Old Testament wrote many of the Psalms, where the full dynamic of human expression is written to melody. We too can sing our prayers of praise, declaration, of petition and lamentation'.

As you enjoy the privacy of this garden and hold your five people in mind, why not sing your prayers for them? You could use a song you know or just sing out your thoughts and hopes for them.

7. Prayer for Prisons Work – Signified by keys



Station Setup: variety of keys

Introduction: Welcome to this prayer station which looks at the work many of our members carry out in prisons.

‘Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.’

Hebrews 13:1-3

Prayer suggestions:

Lord God, we look at these keys noticing how different they are, how each one is a different size and type. We remember that those in prison are all very different people with very different stories, each one an individual.

A large bunch of keys is often very heavy and can be uncomfortable if they dig in to your hand or thigh when kept in a pocket. We think about the weight of the burden upon the prisoners and pray for how they may be struggling to process their actions and who may be feeling immense guilt.

Look at the keyrings on the set of keys which may have been bought by a child or grandchild. We pray for the families of the prisoners, for the children who don't understand why they cannot see their relatives and who have to wait for long periods of time in between seeing the person whom they love, who to them is just 'Dad' or 'Mum'.

Car keys can signify travel and so we think about how hard it must be to be in the same place day after day and often for hours on end. We pray for prisoners who cannot move freely that they may hear your word and know you are there with them, always ready to listen when they speak.

As you look at the keys you have the opportunity to pray:

For the poorest and most vulnerable in our society who are disproportionately more likely to find themselves in touch with the criminal justice system. England and Wales have one of the highest custody rates in western Europe. It is vital that resources are prioritised upstream before prison ever becomes part of the equation at all. Pray for wisdom for our policymakers and government officials.

Pray for your 5: As you pray for your five people today, maybe once, maybe at regular intervals, remember that God is a good father, one who hears and answers prayer. He will never leave us nor forsake us.

8. Journeying through life with Mothers' Union

‘Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.’ *Psalms 119: 105*



Station Setup: If possible find a map or a child's playmat showing streets. Children's cars can be used to signify the journey we make in life.

Introduction: So often we hear that life is a journey. We know that it will sometimes be hard and the path will be narrow, but the destination will be worth it in the end.

Prayer suggestions:

God the father,

We pray for the development of Mini MU and pray for the children in our lives, that they might come to know the Lord. We pray that they will love their neighbour as themselves and understand that their neighbour isn't just the person who lives next door but their brothers and sisters in Christ, from around the whole world.

We pray for children as they journey through school, remembering how hard transitions to bigger places of education can be hard.

We pray for the members of MU who work to show Your love in action, that as they help those in need, those affected by domestic abuse, by modern slavery, those in prison they are helping to grow Your kingdom. We pray that Mothers' Union's numbers will grow so that we can help more and more people in need.

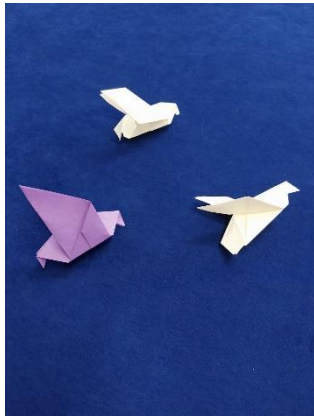
Loving Lord, as we think about the journey of life, let us pray for our indoor members, for those who continue to faithfully pray for those of us who are able to be more active. Let us pray for those members who may not remember their friends any more but still recognise the Mothers' Union logo when they receive our cards. Let us remember how valuable their prayers are.

Pray for your 5: Pray for your five people that they may encounter God in their own journeys.

9. Domestic Abuse Prayer station

'Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light.'

Micah 7:8



Station Setup: To represent the domestic abuse work that Mothers' Union carries out you may have some origami doves like the ones in the image here, or maybe a picture of a dove or the 'No more 1 in 3' logo, or art by survivors of abuse.

Introduction: Domestic abuse affects so many people in so many ways. We work tirelessly throughout the world in the fight against domestic abuse. Doves are part of Mothers' Unions RISE UP campaign to tackle domestic abuse. The dove is also an image used to represent the Holy Spirit.

Prayer suggestions:

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we look at these doves let us pray that those affected by abuse may soar above the hurt they are feeling and find the confidence and support needed to fly away from their abuser.

As we focus on this picture, at the colours which You have made, let us consider how life as a victim is without colour or brightness.

We look at the 'No more 1 in 3' logo and remember that this statistic affects women throughout the entire world. We also remember that men and children can be victims of abuse.

As the Holy Spirit you came to us, our advocate from heaven. We pray that the Holy Spirit will be with victims, perpetrators of abuse and also those who work in the field of domestic abuse, both the adults and children who are victims.

Pray for your 5: Pray for the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit and commit today, to be faithful and bold in using these gifts to bless others, so that the church may be built up as the Holy Spirit moves in power.

10. Kingdom Crafting Prayer Station

Station Setup: Craft items, fabrics, wools etc

“He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.”
Exodus 35:35



Introduction: At Mothers' Union we have thousands of talented craftspeople, skilled workers and designers. Many members knit and sew. Crafting and using our hands can bring stillness of both heart and mind. So whilst you are using your God given skills of creation, why not pray over the items you make.

Prayer suggestions:

God of creation, Your skill shines through even in a ball of wool. We pray for those who care for, rear and then shear the sheep. We pray for those who are involved in the spinning and dyeing of the wool.

As we knit a hat for a premature baby we pray for the child, for the family who do not know what each day brings. When creating a prayer shawl, we pray that it will encircle the wearer with Your love and that they may know Your presence, Your warmth and security. When knitting a hat for a farmer or sailor, we thank You God for their skills and the food they harvest from land and sea. We know that their work is connected to the Earth, so we pray for the weather to be a help, not a hinderance and that they will be safe in the work they do.

Pray for your 5:

As you craft, pray:

For your five that they will know the love of God for themselves.

That our own faith may be strengthened and deepened.

That the Holy Spirit will empower all of us to be more effective in our witness.

Why not try crafting and/or drawing your prayers for your five people? What is the Lord saying? What scriptures come to mind?