

SPIRIT PRAYER

You are invited to use some or all of the ideas during the month of September

Scripture

‘Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek with all your heart’. Jeremiah 29:12,13 NIV

Practical

Every time you see or use a teaspoon use it as a prompt to say a brief prayer using the common abbreviation for it – tsp - thanks, sorry, please

Intercessory

Pray for Christ’s kingdom in our city – for individuals and churches. Pray that God’s plan for our places and styles of worship would be heard and enabled. Give thanks for diversity and pray for unity.

Reflective

(Jeremiah 18:1-6)

Imagine a beautiful china teacup saying ‘I wasn’t always like this. There was a time when I was just a cold hard lump of clay. Then the potter picked me up and said, “I could do something with this” then he started to put pressure on me and change my shape. I said ‘What are you doing? That hurts. Stop!’ but he said “Not yet” Then he put me on a wheel and began to spin me round and round until I shouted ‘Let me off’ He replied “Not yet” He shaped me into a cup and then he put me in a hot oven. I cried ‘Let me out of here, I’m suffocating’ But he looked at me and said “Not yet” When He did take me out I thought his work on me was done but then He painted me and it felt so good and I looked so beautiful

I couldn't believe what he did next – he put me back into the oven! I said 'I can't stand this, please let me out but he said "Not yet" Finally he took me out of the oven and when had I cooled down He set me on a shelf. Time passed and I thought he had forgotten about me till one day as he took me from the shelf he said "This is just what I need" Held in his hands I saw myself through his eyes – beautiful, perfect and fit for purpose.

Adapted from story by author unknown

Inspirational

The Feast of the Kingdom is for people who
need food because they are hungry
need company because they are outcast
need rejoicing because they know sadness
need sharing because they are isolated

Denis McBride

Thankful

Think of your past and remember someone who made a positive difference to your life – give God thanks for them.

Think of the present and bring to mind someone who is a blessing to you – give God thanks for them

Think of the future and give God thanks for the people he has yet to bring into your life

Give thanks to God for his Son Jesus who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and has promised to be with us always,