



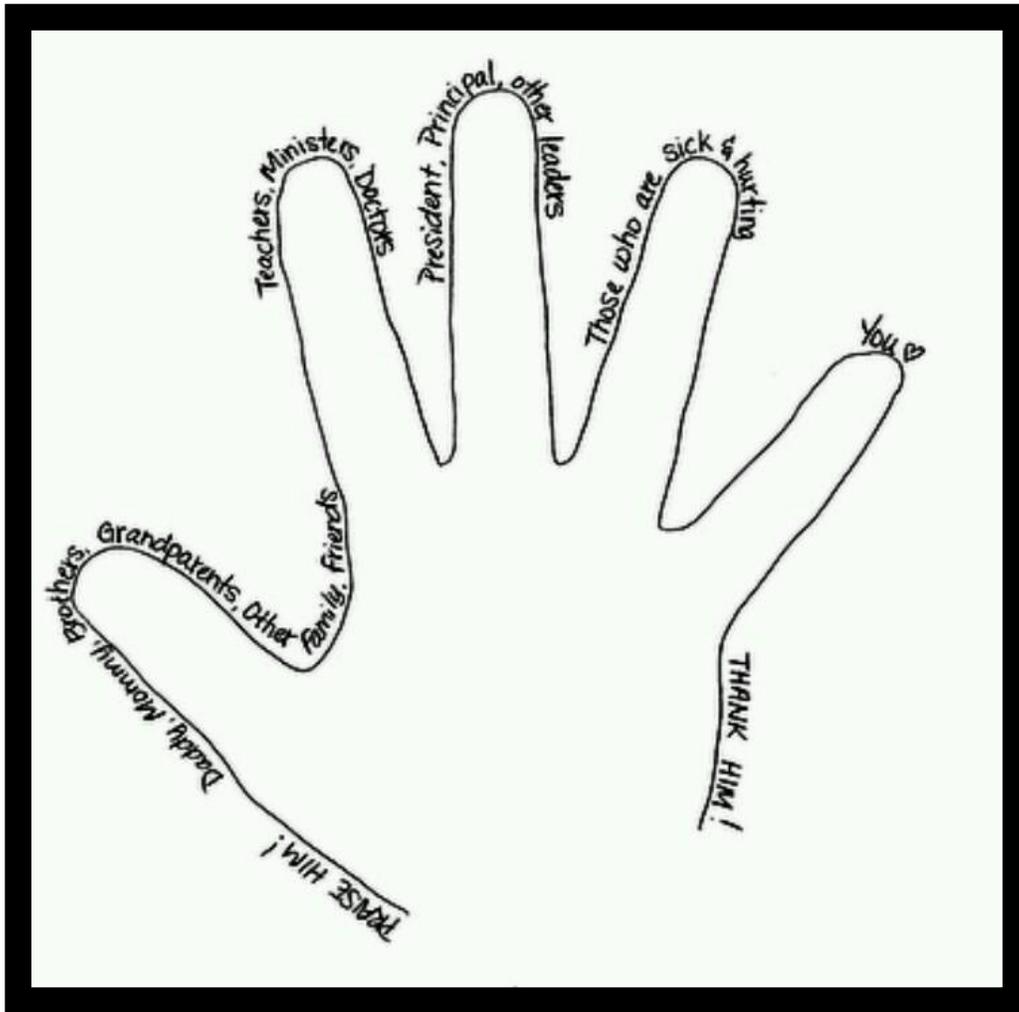
## GAP 24/7 Prayer Week Resource:

It's Vision 2020! GAP has been following this series along with the Adult Church. In keeping with this we will also be part of the Vision 2020 24/7 Prayer Week. Throughout this week we will be sending emails and messages to you so that your children may be encouraged to pray with you.

At GAP this Sunday (27 May), we spoke about prayer. Please see a snippet of our lesson below:

- This is the story of how the pretzel came into being. There was a monk who was the pastor of a church in Italy years and years ago. He had a problem, The children in his church were slow at learning their prayers. So he rewarded the fast learners by giving them a *pretiola* which means little gift. The little gift was a biscuit shaped like a pair of hands clasped in prayer. *Look at your pretzel, do you see what it looks like? It looks like a pair of hands praying.*
- These Pretzels helped the children in the Monk's church learn their prayers quicker.
- Although Pretzels are commonly found even here In South Africa, we must still remember what they were really created for and what they were used to do – *to remind people to pray and encourage them through rewards to learn their prayers quicker.*
- To pray to God is a wonderful privilege, we should do it often! Think for a moment about it – You and I can pray literally from anywhere in the world and God will hear us. He hears and he listens!
- That's what prayer is – prayer is talking to God. We should not only pray before we eat or sleep, but instead we need to as 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says "Pray continually."

ABOUT THE WEEK: *We will be using the image below as a start for our prayers for this week. Each day we will focus on a finger on the hand – an area of our lives or a group of people we can pray for.*



*Each day you will have a:*

- Thought for the day
- Prayer: This will present you with 2 options. Either points to pray around with your child or a prayer to have your child read aloud.

This week is a beautiful opportunity for you to minister to your family, as you pray together. Please be encouraged – it is your privilege as a parent to walk with your child as you and they grow in faith.

Deuteronomy 6:4 – 9, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” This reminds us that ministry, prayer and speaking about God is important as a family in our homes. This resource is here to serve as a guide to help you minister to your children this week.

## MONDAY, 28 MAY

*Thought for the day:* Prayer is a way we can thank God for every blessing we have. We call this a Thanksgiving prayer.

### Prayer:

#### Option 1: Points to pray around

- Family – in any sense of the word
- Parents/ Guardians who look after me
- Siblings or friends
- A community of support
- Those who do not have families or community

#### Option 2: Prayer for Child to read aloud

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for my family! God, thank you that we can take care of each other and that we can love one another. Thank you for the people that take care of me. Lord, thank you also that you take care of us every day.

I pray for my brother/sister. Let them know how loved they are by you and by their family also. Thank you for my friends, who make me laugh and keep me company.

Thank you for my community. Bless them and keep them, Lord.

I also pray for those who have lost someone that was close to them or their families. Keep them close Lord, let them feel your love and presence.

Thank you God!

In Jesus name.

Amen!

## TUESDAY, 29 MAY

*Thought for the day:* We need to pray for the people who lead and teach us so that they will also be led by the light of the Son.

*Prayer:*

Option 1: Points to pray around

- Teachers – Lord help them be led by you in all they do
- Ministers – thank you for them. Guide them please Lord.
- Doctors
- Coaches
- Role models
- Leaders

Option 2: Prayer for Child to read aloud

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the people who lead me every day. I pray for my teachers, coaches, ministers, role models, \_\_\_\_\_ etc. I pray that you would always remind them that they need to lead by your love and light, Lord. Guide them to make good decisions and help me to be obedient. Help me also please Lord, to be a leader in my life, so that I will lead people to you.

Thank you God for everyone who is a leader!

In Jesus name.

Amen!

## WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY

*Thought for the day:* God calls us all to be beacons of light in a broken world. In prayer, we can commit ourselves to this task and ask God to help us.

*Prayer:*

Option 1: Points to pray around

- Missionaries
- Evangelists
- Church builders
- Anyone who observes faith and lives their faith for God out loud.

Option 2: Prayer for Child to read aloud

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the people who give up their lives so that other people can learn about you. I pray for missionaries, evangelists, church builders etc. Keep them strong that they may help people get to know you and the wonderful gift of life you gave us through Jesus on the cross. Help me also please Lord, to be a leader in my life, so that I will lead people to you. Let me shine brightly for you!

Thank you God!

In Jesus name.

Amen!

## THURSDAY, 31 MAY

*Thought for the day:* Prayer is a way for us to lift up the sick, injured, in pain and hurting. We need to pray for them and allow God to work in the way He chooses to work.

*Prayer:*

Option 1: Points to pray around

- The sick
- Those that are injured
- Those who are experiencing any sorts of pain
- Those who are hurting emotionally or spiritually

Option 2: Prayer for Child to read aloud

Dear Lord Jesus,

Lord, when I look around me in the world, I see a lot of sick, injured, hurting and broken people. They need you and your healing touch. Lord, please would you let them know of your love and your care for them. Be with them and strengthen them. Please work in your way my Lord. Please heal, restore and rejuvenate!

Thank you God that I can pray to you and that you hear my prayers.

In Jesus name.

Amen!

## FRIDAY, 1 JUNE

*Thought for the day:* We need to be people who pray for those around us and for others, however, we also need to pray for ourselves. We also need to give all glory to God for the blessings in our lives.

### *Prayer:*

#### Option 1: Points to pray around

- For me
- For any challenges I face: things I struggle with/ find difficult to understand
- For the things that make me sad
- Thank you for the things that make me happy

#### Option 2: Prayer for Child to read aloud

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you made me. You made me so specially God, you love me so much that you gave up your own and only Son so that I can be adopted into your family, and live with you forever.

Lord, please help me with the things that I struggle with and don't understand. Please will you guide me to know that you are with me through everything. I know that you know the things that make me sad, please help me with them so that they will no longer make me sad.

Thank you for the things that make me happy. Help me remember that you are the one who needs to get the glory for all things. Help me to always give the glory to you.

In Jesus name.

Amen!