















creative prayer at home, school and church

creativity helps us recognise and provide accessible opportunities for all people to connect with God at all times and therefore in all places, including at church, at school, at work and at home.

 <p>go with the natural flow of what is happening</p> <p>create prayer activities out of the existing culture</p>	 <p>make sure the activity has purpose and is not patronising. if the leader intends to use it to pray, the participants will also be able to</p>	 <p>opportunities to teach methods of prayer for all.</p> <p>in schools, education is the priority</p>
 <p>with families, plan activities that parents can do with, not for their children.</p> 	 <p>choose simple, memorable activities and resources that participants can use again in other contexts.</p>	<p>don't be afraid of repetition.</p> <p>consistency is important.</p> <p>this might require communication with other leaders.</p> 
 <p>choose low maintenance activities which are easy to pick up and do.</p> <p>simple activities make everything else easier</p>	  <p>allow people to opt in or out as appropriate - people learn and experience things differently</p>	 <p>it's important that people want to participate!</p>
 <p>... to all ages, genders, abilities, stages of faith and, in schools, faiths.</p>	 <p>be ready to adapt to events, emotions and needs of participants</p>	<p>He is big enough! Leave it in his hands; let him engage with the people</p> 

pray at all times

1 Thessalonians 5:17

4 types of prayer:

liturgical prayer having pre-written prayers to read alone or together and to listen to. this helps people who struggle to think of what to say and allows corporate engagement.	self-expression giving participants the opportunity to express a prayer in their own thoughts or words. this facilitates ownership and personal engagement.
physical act using a physical act to represent what is being prayed for. this brings a deeper understanding of the subject of the prayer, and a chance for participants to take practical action in a spiritual context.	guided prayer using indicators to direct particular types or topics of prayer. this helps people engage with a variety of topics and can also keep participants focussed.

finding resources:

- * www.godventure.co.uk
- * www.orisonschools.org.uk
- * www.prayerspacesinschools.com
- * www.messychurch.org.uk
- * www.creativeprayer.com
- * www.uk.24-7prayer.com/creative-bank/

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