











Prayer Mission activities October 12th-October 16th 2020

Monday	<p>Read Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14</p> <p>What do you remember from today's reading? Today Jesus tells us another parable to try and explain what the kingdom of heaven is like. The king's son is getting married. He invites lots of people to the party but when the day comes and the king sends out his servants to fetch the people they do not come. He tries again, but the people just aren't interested in coming. How do you think the king feels about this? What does he do next? The king sends out his servants to stand in the middle of the street and invite everyone they can find to the wedding. So they do, and the wedding hall is filled with guests. They all take part in the big feast, with lots of yummy things to eat. What is your favourite food? We are all invited by God to enter into the kingdom of Heaven. It is a place where everyone is welcome. But we have to be ready to go.</p> <p>When we go to a wedding, or any party, we tell the person who invited us that we are coming. We get out our best clothes and make sure we are clean and tidy. We buy a present and write the card. Can you think of anything else that we do to get ready for a party?</p> <p>But how do you think we can answer God's invitation and get ready for the kingdom of heaven?</p> <p>We can listen to God's word and try to follow what God asks us to do in our lives. What do you think God asks us to do?</p> <p>God asks us to be kind, to be welcoming and invite others to share in what we have so that everyone has enough food to eat and clean water to drink, to bring peace, to stand up for what is right, to care for and respect one another and to love our neighbour, wherever they are in the world.</p> <p>Can you think of anything else that God asks us to do?</p>	
Tuesday	<p>By answering God's invitation and being kind and generous, welcoming and fair, by loving our neighbour, we can help to reflect God's kingdom here on earth. We will help other people to see that we care for everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from, and the world will become a better, fairer place for all people to live.</p> <p>Let's all try really hard this week to listen to what God wants from us and to say yes to that invitation in the way we behave in the coming week. We pray together to God who welcomes everyone:</p> <p>We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may live out God's invitation of welcome and love for all. Lord, in your mercy...</p>	

	<p>We pray for world leaders: that they may be guided to make decisions for the good of all people, especially those who are poor. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may live our lives as God asks us to, with respect and care for all people and love for our neighbours throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>Closing prayer: Loving God, strengthen and help us as we try to say yes to your invitation to be with you, by living lives of sharing, kindness, respect and love. Amen.</p>	
Wednesday	<p>Children can have a go at making invitations. Encourage them to decorate them and write what they think God is inviting them to do. Then, on the back or on a separate piece of paper get them to make an RSVP and to write or draw how they will answer God's invitation in their lives.</p>	
Thursday	<p>Invite the children to spend some time quietly in prayer in the coming week, trying to listen to what God is inviting them to do. Encourage them to try to say yes to that invitation in the way they behave in the coming week.</p>	
Friday	<p>Access the link below to choose your own prayer for today's prayer time. There are some wonderful prayers to choose from.</p> <p>https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films</p>	

	<u>Prayer Mission activities October 18th-October 23rd 2020</u>	
Monday	<p>Read the Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21</p> <p>What do you remember from today's reading?</p> <p>The Pharisees didn't like Jesus and so they tried to find a way to trick him. What did they ask him?</p> <p>At the time the Romans ruled the area where Jesus lived. The people did not like the Romans and they did not want to have to pay money to them. But the Pharisees knew that if Jesus said this out loud, he would get into trouble.</p> <p>So the Pharisees asked Jesus if it was right to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor.</p> <p>What answer did Jesus give the Pharisees?</p> <p>Jesus told the Pharisees to "pay the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor – and God what belongs to God."</p> <p>Jesus is reminding us that we have two main responsibilities. One is to love God and to try to live our lives the way God wants us to.</p> <p>The other responsibility is to care for each other and to make sure that everyone gets their fair share of the good things that God has given us.</p>	

	<p>God has given us a world filled with good things. While some of us have all that we could wish for, others of us do not have a house to live in, enough food to eat, clean water to drink.</p> <p>Do you think this is fair? Why not?</p> <p>Record your answers onto a piece of paper.</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>We can help each other and to make sure that all people around the world have their fair share of the things that God has given us. We can all play our part to make the world a fairer place.</p> <p>Peru is a country which has long had problems with poverty, inequality and violence. Now the people of Peru are struggling to cope with coronavirus.</p> <p>CAFOD has been working with local organisations in Peru to help those are affected by the virus. They have used community kitchens to cook free meals for people who need them to come and collect, they have made sure that those who are sick and aren't earning any money have the medicine that they need.</p> <p>They have also supported children who haven't been able to do online school lessons to learn.</p> <p>How can we share what we have so that everyone has their fair share of what God has given us?</p> <p>What will you do this week to show that you love God and are trying to live your life the way God wants? What will you do this week to show that you care for others, both here and around the world?</p> <p>Record your answers and share them with your family.</p>	
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>We know that God is always ready to listen to us and so we pray:</p> <p>We pray for world leaders: that they may make sure all people have their fair share of the gifts that God has given us. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for all members of our global family: that together we may do all that we can to share fairly and bring an end to poverty. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may do our best to live the way God wants us to and share all that we have so everyone has enough. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>Closing prayer: Loving God, be with us as we try to care for one another, help one another, share with one another and work together to make the world a fairer place for everyone to live. Amen.</p>	

<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Encourage the children to imagine that they are the Emperor (or the Chancellor). What would they spend the tax money they collect on? How could they use the taxes that they collect to help others and make sure everyone has their fair share?</p> <p>Invite the children to try and do what they can in the coming week to help each other and to share with people both here and around the world.</p>	
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Access the link below to choose your own prayer for today's prayer time. There are some wonderful prayers to choose from.</p> <p>https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films</p>	