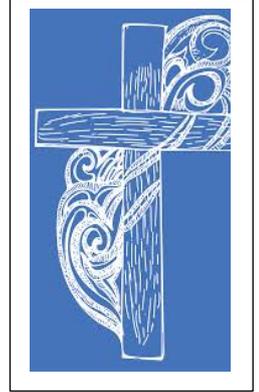


## Prayer Changes Things

We've been thinking about other ways to 'connect' (technically at least) as a church family during these next few weeks whilst our churches are closed. So, we invite you to light a candle at 5pm each Sunday evening and say these prayers, either as a family or on your own. We will be connected through prayer. May God our Father bless us all. *The Ministry Team*



*So we pray,*

Father God, you made the world,  
and intended it to be a good place,  
and called its people your children;  
because, when things seemed at their worst,  
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;  
because confusion can reign inside us despite our faith;  
because anger, tension, bitterness and envy distort our vision;  
because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion;  
because we do not always get it right,  
we want to believe:  
because you have promised to hear us,  
and are able to change us,  
and are willing to make our hearts your home,  
we ask you to confront, control, forgive and encourage us,  
as you know best.  
Lord, hear our prayer and change our lives  
until we illustrate the grace of  
the God who makes all things new. **Amen**

*We say together,*

Our Father which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those that trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord, hear our prayers, and if today,  
we might be the means by which you answer  
the prayers of others, then may you find us  
neither deaf nor defiant, but keen to fulfil your purpose,  
for Jesus' sake. Amen