

Equipping / Skills-building as Christ sends us into our “Galilee”

1. Gathering Prayers of the People from our neighbors

3 types of prayer: Intercessions, Petitions, Thanksgivings

Let's practice! “Good morning, I’m _____, and I come from St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church down the way. We care about our neighborhood and want to pray for you and your family in our worship [tomorrow/this Sunday]. Is there something going on with you or somebody you love that we can offer a prayer for? Or is there something you’re celebrating that we share in our thanksgivings?”

2. Asking someone to pray for us

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

My own prayer requests today:

For someone I love _____

For myself _____

Celebration/Thanksgiving _____

3. Offering prayer in the garden, on the street, or at a doorstep

What if they ask me to pray right there? Ack!

a) At our baptism the Holy Spirit has been poured into us, and it is the Holy Spirit who speaks through us when we pray. So, we can trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us in every moment!

b) We do not need to heap up a lot of words when we pray! It can be as simple as this formula below.

c) If you’ve forgotten the person’s name, it’s ok. Ask them again just before you offer the prayer; it shows that who they are is the most important thing to you in this moment.

Thank you, God, for being right here with _____.

I pray that you hear _____’s petition / thanksgiving for _____,
and I pray that in your goodness you bless him/her with your [strength, patience,
courage, hope, etc].

Hear us, Lord, and in all things guide us to know you more fully. Amen.

Ask them if they know the Lord’s Prayer (many if not most people do), and if so, invite them to pray it with you as you close.