

Church: Pray the Pathways Mission prayer (in bold below) every Sunday or midweek in church

- ask the person leading the intercessions to include it.
- Place a Pathways Mission bookmark in the pews so people can pray it when they first arrive in church.
- All pray it together at the start or the end of the service

Children

Draw a picture of a friend you'd like to invite to an event and write their name by them. Then draw Jesus standing by them holding their hand. Then draw you on the other side of Jesus holding your hand too. When you look at your picture pray your friend will become friends with Jesus.

Keep your bookmark near your bedside, or in your bible or by your toothbrush, with your bus/metro/train pass, by the cooker, next to the kettle, on the fridge door so you can pray it

- when you wake,
- when you read your bible
- whilst you brush your teeth
- when you sit on the bus/metro/train
- when you are cooking
- when waiting for the kettle to boil

When your house groups meet ask them to pray for the Pathways Mission. They could use these ideas and the suggestions on the diocesan prayer calendar.

You could use this prayer to pray for those you invite. 'Loving Lord, please work in me so I can share your love with...x.... Reveal yourself to them that they might know and follow you too. Help them to find you. Thank you that you love them. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Write the names of your 5 friends you are inviting on lollipop sticks or flattened paper straws. Stick them in plants you have on your window sill at home so you can pray for them as you walk past each day.

Carry 5 little stones in your pocket or in your purse amongst your small change and when you notice them, name your friends in a quick arrow prayer.

Stick the Pathways Mission prayer (in bold above) on the front door as a reminder to pray as you leave the house and pray that you'll meet someone you can invite to an event when you are out.



**God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
use our Pathways Mission
to grow your Church in Newcastle Diocese
in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you
and in loving service to our local communities.
Give vision to our planning and wisdom to our actions.
Send us, empowered by your Holy Spirit,
to bring hope to all we meet
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Offer these ideas to your Mothers' Union to pray for the Pathways Mission

Young people Pray for 5 for 5 (pray 4545) Think of the names of 5 friends you really would like to come to know the love of God for themselves and take 5 minutes each day to pray for them one by one.

If you are part of Churches Together in your locality set a prayer evening to pray for the Pathways Mission

Set up a Prayer Triplets with 2 friends & get together each week to Pray for your friends and the events you are going to attend with them

Look for the Pathways Mission prayer suggestions in August on the Diocesan prayer calendar <http://www.newcastle.anglican.org/news-and-events/prayer-diary.aspx>

Children Share a packet of flower seeds with a few friends. Fill a yoghurt pot with some soil and plant a few seeds in each and keep them moist. Put them on a window sill somewhere warm and sunny. Think of a friend you want to invite to an event in your church. Every time you check the seeds say a prayer for your friend and see the flowers grow.

Young people

Meet some friends from church or your youth group for an ice cream. Take turns to name out loud the 5 friends you are inviting to the events in your locality as you lick or bite your ice cream and all say Amen after each one.

Set a reminder on your mobile phone to pray for the Pathways Mission daily at the same time

Pray every week on a **Thursday** until Thursday Sept. 6th which is the day the Pathways Mission starts on Holy Island.

Why not ask your Area Dean if your Deanery has organised any prayer sessions across your deanery where the churches could meet together to pray?