

**FOR ALL
AGE GROUPS**

COMING TOGETHER IN PRAYER



**GET INTO
THE BIBLE**



15 MINUTES



**IN THE
CUPBOARD**

AIM

The Queen had a strong Christian faith and as such believed in the difference that prayer can make. Reflect on the life of the Queen and give thanks to God in prayer.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Paper / Post-it Notes & Pen
- Candles
- Prayer Station Signs (Optional)

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THEME: PRAYER



LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to download a copy of our Coming Together in Prayer sheet and prayer station signs. You'll also need to collect the resources you wish to use for the activity (i.e. post-it notes, candles etc)



[Download Coming Together in Prayer sheet and Prayer Station signs](#)



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

This activity has been designed to give young people an opportunity to reflect on the historic news of the death of the Queen and give them a chance to direct any sadness and concerns into prayer.

- 1 Spend time talking to the group about the Queen, her life, her death and how the country is responding to the news. This could include discussing things such as a favourite memory of the Queen, if they ever saw her, how they felt when they heard the news of her death and so on. This is a good opportunity for young people to express their feelings and talk openly.
- 2 For Christians, the Queen having been one herself, it's important that we talk to God about how we feel and share our feelings and thoughts with him.
- 3 Set up four tables around the room, these will become 'Prayer Stations'. On each table place a piece of paper with one of the below headings on. We've produced some signs you could print off for this. On each table leave some post-it notes, pens and candles. Encourage the group to spend some quiet time working their way around the tables and quietly reflecting and praying for each of the topics.
- 4 As children and young people do this they can write short prayers, or key words for a prayer, on post-it notes and place them on the table surface. They could also light candles at each of the stations to help them to visualise their prayer.
 - **The Queen and Her Life:** Prayers of thanks for her life
 - **The Royal Family:** Prayers of comfort and support for her family
 - **The Country and the Commonwealth:** Prayers for the nations she was a figurehead for as we all come to terms with the news
 - **The New King:** Prayers of strength and encouragement for our new King and his role
- 5 Come together as one group and bring the prayers together. We've written a prayer which could be used to do this, which can be found on the activity sheet.

Adapting the Activity: This activity will need to be adapted based on the age group you are working with. This may be by reducing the prayer stations to just one area, where children can think about the four topics as one prayer.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Talking about the loss of the Queen may be upsetting for some children. Make sure to approach the topic sensitively and be prepared to respond should a child become upset. Some resources to support children, young people and leaders can be found at <https://www.childbereavementuk.org>

COMING TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Lord,

We bring before you our prayers of thanksgiving for the Queen and her life, and for our country.

We give thanks for our Queen and the life she led. Thank you for her 70 years of service and dedication to our country and the commonwealth. We also give thanks for her interest and support that she gave to us at The Boys' Brigade, as our Patron. Her life was remarkable and we give thanks for it.

At this sad time, we think of the Royal Family who, just like any family after the loss of a relative, will be hurting and processing this loss. We pray that you will support and comfort the family over the coming days and weeks.

We pray for our country and the Commonwealth as we all come to terms with losing our Queen. As we mourn her loss we ask that you comfort and support us. Please also be with the country's politicians and leaders as they steer the country through this period.

Finally we pray for our new King, King Charles III. We ask that you give him the strength and encouragement to take on his new role and perform his duties as King. Be with him and help guide him always.

Amen



THE QUEEN AND HER LIFE



THE ROYAL FAMILY



THE COUNTRY AND THE COMMONWEALTH



THE NEW KING

