

CREATIVE PRAYER RESOURCES FOR THE CALL TO PRAYER

Praying for the church and individuals

When Jesus calls the disciples, they go out in their boats and Jesus instructs them to lower their nets to haul in a miraculous catch. Jesus then tells the disciples they will catch people instead. This imagery can be used to pray for the church and individuals reaching out, by praying for the net. It can also be used to pray for people and groups who you are reaching out to by praying for the fish.

Preparation

- You will need a fishing net. Small decorative nets can be cheaply purchased online. The net needs to be fixed onto something so that the fish can be slotted into the net
- You will need to cut out fish—ideally different shapes and sizes of fish in different colours. The fish need to be big enough to get caught in the net. You might want to use the outlines of fish in this prayer resource.
- You will need pens to write and draw on the fish

To use the prayer response

- Hand out the fish to the congregation
- Read the story from Luke 5.1-5
- Invite people to pray for groups of people or individuals who they want to meet Jesus. Ask them to write names and draw pictures on the fish
- Read the story from Luke 5.4-7
- Invite people to bring their fish to the nets to and push them through the holes in the net so they are held in place
- Once all of the fish have been brought in and people have sat down, read Luke 5.8-11
- Pray for the church to receive its call to 'catch people' and not to be afraid.









