



National Day of Prayer & Art Show Edition

# LIVE OUT LOUD

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

*Love Does*

## Read All About It!

You are missed!

Hopefully, you have had time to:

- Go for a walk,
- Phone a Friend,
- Eat a Treat,
- Show someone kindness....

But mostly what we hope is that you are finding ways to grow in the Lord!

Miss you!

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## Dream Small

We hope you can check out the new website, if you haven't already. We made it for you!

[www.kidsaliveoutloud.weebly.com](http://www.kidsaliveoutloud.weebly.com)

It is full of ways you can grow in the Lord. There are fun & encouraging videos, activities, challenges for you to do, and activities you can even print.

You can grow and practice what LOVE DOES in your own home, wherever you are!

Sunday lessons are in the

**LESSONS OF THE WEEK** tab.



The **National Day of Prayer** is **Thursday, May 7, 2020**.

There are many ways you can participate with Alive and KA.

([www.aliveinjenison.org](http://www.aliveinjenison.org) or [www.aliveingrandville.org](http://www.aliveingrandville.org))

This packet includes: "10 Ways for Kids to Pray on the National Day of Prayer", a devotion and coloring page on prayer. Our Pray It tab of the website has other ways you can seek the Lord that day, too. We hope you can join our nation in prayer that day!



## Love is a Verb

**LOVE DOES**

**ONLINE ART SHOW!**

1. **COLOR** one of the coloring pages or create your own work of art to share something about **LOVE DOES...** (sidewalk chalk, window art, clay art, paint, draw, etc.).
2. **EMAIL** a picture of your art: [juliana@aliveinjenison.org](mailto:juliana@aliveinjenison.org)
3. **Watch** the website as we post the artwork online to share with our church family.



# 10 Ways for Kids to Pray on the National Day of Prayer

## 1. Praise God

God you're so good to me. You made everything and you're so awesome. I love you.

## 2. Thank God

Thank you God for making me. Thank you for taking care of me. Thank you for the family and friends you gave me.

## 3. Pray for Others

God, please help \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

## 4. Pray for the Country

God, please help the leaders of our country to make wise decisions that honor you.

## 5. Pray for the Church

Lord, please bless pastor \_\_\_\_\_ and let his/her work at church be successful.

## 6. Pray for School

Thank you that I get to go to school. Please help my teacher \_\_\_\_\_ to have a good year.

## 7. Pray for Family

God please help me to show love to my \_\_\_\_\_.

## 8. Pray for Health

Lord please heal \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. Help him/her to feel better and to not be afraid.

## 9. Pray for Safety

God please keep me, and my family and friends safe and healthy and help me to resist temptation.

## 10. Pray for Growth

Lord you are so awesome. Please help me to be more like you every day. Thank you for hearing me when I talk with you.

# Pepper Cat

*I listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me.*

*My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught.*

Psalm 55:1-2

As I sat in adult Sunday school class, the teacher asked for prayer requests. There were many concerns: prayer for a cancelled wedding, a dying parent, a major career change, and a family move. And all I could think of was, *Help our family find a cat we can adopt.* In light of all the big pleas for help, comfort, and guidance, I decided to remain silent with my kitty request. God had more to deal with than animal adoption.

My son had been campaigning for our family to acquire a pet for nearly a year. My husband and I had agreed to adopt a cat in the summer when we would be around more and have time to help the new critter feel at home. For a month we had gone weekly to pet stores and the local humane society looking for a suitable feline. Twice we had come close to finding the right animal, but it never seemed to work out.

My son was frustrated and sad. I was beginning to share his conviction, "We're never gonna find a cat!"

That Sunday morning I finally offered my silent concern, *Please, God, our family needs help finding a pet. We need a kitty that likes kids. We need a cat that I, the non-cat person, can learn to love and care for. We need a kitty my husband, the cat lover, approves of. And we don't want an orange cat.* There, specific and all-in.

The next week we drove all the way into San Francisco to the SPCA, where there were thirty cats looking for new homes. We found Pepper Cat. He liked my son right away. I even thought he was kinda cute. My husband liked him right off the bat. And he was a tabby, not an orange cat. We completed the paperwork and loaded Pepper Cat into a cardboard carrier.

On the car ride home I offered up a prayer: *Thank You, Father, for caring about the tiny details of my life. Thank You for helping us find the perfect cat for our family.* I think to pray in times of crisis. I remember to praise in times of joy. Yet I often forget God wants to be involved in every detail of my life. He cares about the huge experiences as well as the little joys. I can bring any and every concern to Him in prayer.

*Remind me to share all concerns and joy with You Father.*

*You are there for each detail and every concern, large and small.*

*Amen*





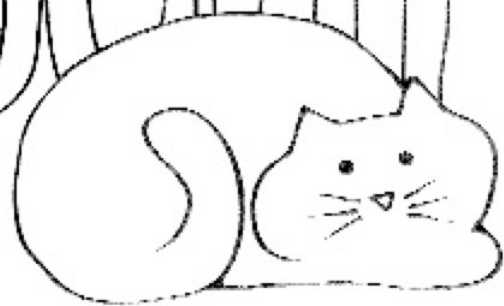
LISTEN <sup>TO MY</sup> PRAYER  
DO NOT IGNORE MY PLEA

HEAR ME!

ANSWER ME

MY THOUGHTS TROUBLE ME

I AM DISTRAUGHT



Love is

patient,

love is

kind.

1 Corinthians 13:4

"If I speak...but have not love,  
I am only a resounding gong or a  
clanging cymbal."  
1 Corinthians 13:1



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