

FAMILY RESOURCES

HOUSE OF PRAYER

THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS: Jesus cleanses the temple (John 2:13-22)

Core extract from the Gospel (John 2: 14-16; for reflection throughout the week)

In the temple Jesus found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!'

Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)

Lord Jesus Christ, you entered the temple in Jerusalem and restored it as a house of prayer. Shape this house of prayer in our city to be a place of encounter, for all people; for you are our God, now and always. Amen

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Things to think about

- Do you think churches and cathedrals should be used for other things besides worship and prayer?
- What is your favourite way to pray?
- Do you have a special prayer?

Things to do

- Teaspoon prayers. TSP = thank you, sorry, please. Use these as an aid to your prayers
- Sweet prayers: use coloured sweets to help you pray. Red = someone in your family, green = a leader, brown = a neighbour or friend, orange = someone who needs help, yellow = something to say thank you for.
- A prayer house

You will need: cardboard box, paper, pens, glue, scissors

	Cover the box in plain paper.
	Make a roof from red or grey paper.
	.Draw on doors and windows. Add other decorations too.
	Cut a letterbox. Post your prayers through the letterbox.

Why not share your creations with us? We would love to see what you have been up to! Please email any photos to <u>education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk</u> or tag @LivCathedral on social media.

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