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Introduction

These interactive prayer ideas are designed to be used alongside other resources for Sight Loss Sunday. Please feel free to adapt them to suit your own situation.

Made in God's image

This idea can be used as an interactive prayer in a service or adapted as a prayer space display.

Resources needed: Lego bricks, or other building bricks, in different sizes, shapes and colours. Large Lego base board or equivalent.

Instructions: Give everyone a Lego brick. Describe how everyone has been given Lego bricks in different shapes, sizes and colours. Just like we all have a different Lego brick, so also we are all made different. As long as it's a genuine Lego brick we know it has been fearfully and wonderfully made in Denmark, just as we all have been fearfully and wonderfully created in God's image! Read Romans 8: 38-39. Reflect on how God loves us so much that nothing can separate us from him. How can you show God's love towards others in your everyday actions and behaviours? Invite everyone to add their brick to the Lego board. As they do so, encourage them to pray. They may want to thank God for their ability to create things from art and music to cooking and building, ask God how to display more Christlike behaviour in the world or for God to use them to do great works in them according to his will.

When everyone has added their brick, explain that the finished creation shows how we are all part of God's kingdom, each bringing our own uniqueness. Yet as different as we are, we are all created in the same image. Encourage everyone to explore the finished creation after the service.

Praying for people with sight loss

This idea will work best as a prayer space display.

Resources needed: A large clock – a learning-to-tell-the-time clock would be ideal. Instructions printed in different formats.

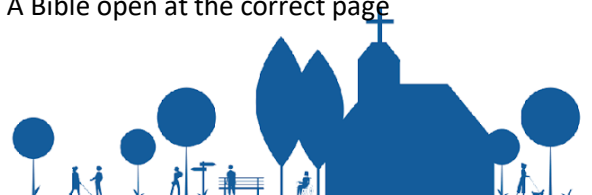
Instructions: Every 6 minutes someone in the UK starts to lose their sight. That's about 250 people every day. Being told that you are losing your sight can be very difficult to come to terms with. Nearly half of blind and partially sighted people feel cut off from people and things around them. Pray for those with sight loss. Maybe you know someone personally. Ask them how you can pray for them. If you are able, set your phone alarm for 6 minutes past an hour of the day to remind you to pray.

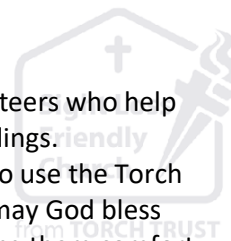
Praying for Torch

This idea will work best as a prayer space display.

Resources needed: Prayer points about Torch available to download from torchtrust.org/SLSunday. Romans 8: 38-39 in different accessible formats. These could include:

- A Bible open at the correct page





- The verse and instructions printed in different large print sizes (downloadable from torchtrust.org/SLSunday)
- The verse and instructions printed in braille (available from Torch Trust)
- An audio recording including instructions for the activity (downloadable from the torchtrust.org/SLSunday)

Instructions: How do you read the Bible? Explore the different accessible versions of Romans 8: 38-39. Torch Trust long to make God’s word accessible to people with sight loss. Pray for the work of Torch using these prayer points:

- Give thanks for the technology and expertise of the team that allows Torch to create Accessible Bibles in braille, large print and audio.
- Give thanks for all the Christian authors and publishers who grant access to their

- books and all the volunteers who help create the audio recordings.
- Pray for all of those who use the Torch library and resources: may God bless them as they read, giving them comfort, hope, encouragement and strength to fulfil their calling.
- Pray for all those who have yet to hear about Torch, who are struggling without access to the Bible or other resources. Pray for good relationships with churches, Christian bookshops and Sight Loss Agencies so that more people will hear about Torch and benefit from their services.
- Give thanks for all those taking part in Sight Loss Sunday and pray that all churches in the UK would be places that welcome and meet the needs of all people, whatever their gifts and abilities.

