

# Lenten Activity

Although not all of us can be together during Lent, I would like to create a collaborative piece that all the children have contributed too.

*I propose the following, a large version to be displayed in the school hall:*



*It can take weeks to completely fill the cross, we want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to write at least one prayer. There is really only one rule: the prayer has to be for someone else.*

## Teaching points:

*For those whose prayers are answered—well, isn't God wonderful! For those whose prayers were not answered, we will talk about how God's plans are not always our plans. It is about having faith that God knows best.*

*This exercise teaches children to focus on looking to God for help, strength and understanding not just for ourselves, but for others as well. We see through answered prayers that God hears us. It draws us closer to Him and strengthens our faith and trust in Him.*

*It's important to talk about how not all prayers are answered. Sometimes we can see later how that was the best thing, but sometimes we still don't understand why our prayers were not answered. This is where trust is so important. We have to remember that God always does the right thing, and although we don't understand it right now, He loves us deeply and is doing what is best for us.*

If your child is attending we would happily accept toilet rolls (please bring in a bag which can be left for 72hrs).

For children at home, please upload your prayer to the learning platform on the channel '**Lenten Prayers**' where your class teacher can print it out onto colored paper.