

Interactive Prayers for Pentecost

Tongsung Kido (Pray Aloud)

- “In Korean congregations, among others, Tongsung Kido is popular and an important part of prayer life. Usually the congregation is given a specific time period, with a common theme of petition or supplication. Then all pray aloud at the same time. The voices of others will not bother them when they concentrate on their own earnest prayers, longing for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.” - From Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church
- If you think your congregation will have trouble speaking aloud their personal prayers in this way, you might write a variety (8-15) short prayers, print them out on separate sheets of paper, and pass them out to be read during Tongsung Kido.

Balloon Prayers

from Staci Motes Lawrence on the “Pentecost Planning” Facebook Group

- “During the children's time, we wrote prayers on small dove cut-outs.
- Afterward, we filled red balloons with helium and talked about how the Holy Spirit fills us.
- We attached the doves to the red balloons and released them during the closing hymn. It was beautiful! (It only took a few days for the balloons to come back down.)”
- **Do not release balloons outside.** This is very bad for animals who might consume the burst balloons.

Dove Prayers

- Write Prayers on paper (prayers for peace, for guidance, for the brush of the Spirit's wings...)
- Fold them into origami doves -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iB9ejJlgQg8>
- Hang in sanctuary

Kite Prayers

- Make paper kites - <http://www.instructables.com/id/Easy-Paper-Kite-for-Kids/>
- Write prayers on paper kites or on paper that you attach to kite tails.
- Fly kites after worship. Invite folks to share snacks and lemonade outside while you fly your prayers.
- TIPS - get a few volunteers to practice flying the kites beforehand. If you don't have enough wind, you might be about to work out a pulley system so that you can fly the kites indoors - maybe even the sanctuary. Or you may hang them like prayer flags to flap in the wind.

Prayer flags

- cut pieces of cloth for prayer flags. (This post might be helpful for you in making prayer flags - <http://www.ramblingsfromutopia.com/2012/05/wordlessful-wednesdays-prayer-flags.html>)
- pass out cloth and markers (fabric makers or permanent markers are best, but washable markers will work as long as you don't get the flags wet. Or, if you do, you make an analogy about the rain being the work of the spirit, baptism, etc.)
- write prayers on flags
- attach to string, twine, or ribbon with fabric glue or safety pins
- hang outside your church