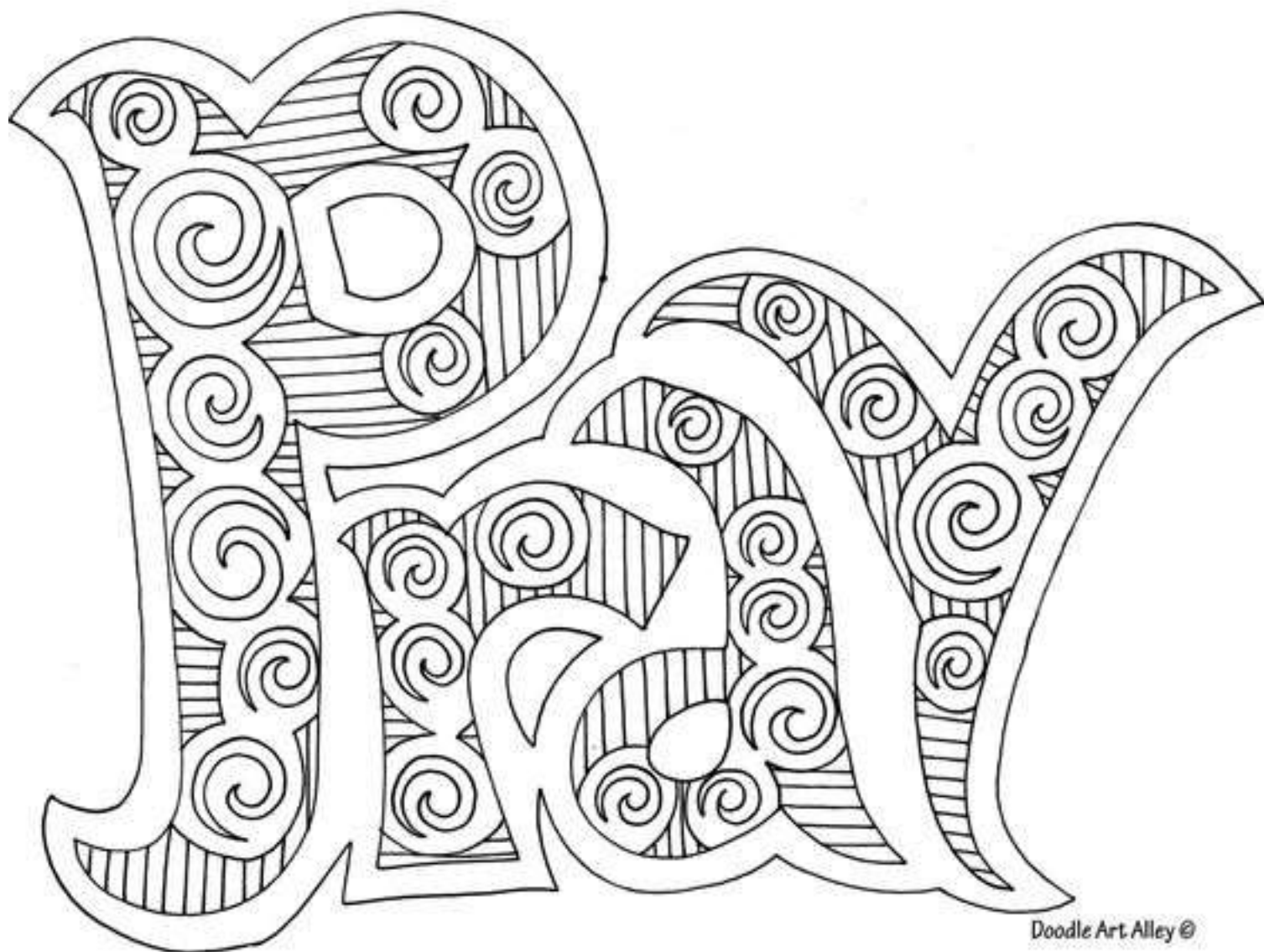


**St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
OCTOBER 16, 2016—THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD**



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Jesus told his friends that it was important to pray to God. Praying is just talking to God; it is a time when you tell God about what is important to you. God wants to hear from you—to hear in your own words what you are feeling, thinking and what you need.

There are many ways to pray. You can talk out loud, or silently. You can be in church, or at home or outside. You can fold your hands, but you don't have to. You can be standing, sitting, kneeling or even lying down. You can read a prayer that someone else wrote, or you can use your own words. However you pray, what is important is that you share your heart and thoughts with God.

**BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME:
THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS**

How do you pray? Teaching your children to pray may seem like a daunting task, but really it is very simple. Just talk to God. There are four main types of prayer and they can be summarized as:

Thank you

Prayers to thanks to God for all the wonderful things God has done for me.

Please

Prayers requesting something from God, for myself or for others.

I'm Sorry

Prayers in which I admit my faults and short-comings to God and ask for forgiveness.

God is Great

Prayers of Praise—saying how wonderful God is.

Write your own prayer.

Thank you God for _____

Please God I would like _____

God, I'm sorry for _____

God, you are terrific because _____

Amen.

Dinner Table Conversation:

- *What happened today to make you say "thank you"?*
- *What happened today to make you say "I'm sorry"?*
- *What is one thing that you really, really want?*
- *What is something that you want for someone else?*
- *We believe that GOD is LOVE. How did you see or feel that love today? How would you tell God about it?*