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<b>Lords Prayer</b>	<b>Meaning (briefly!)</b>	<b>e.g. for simple frieze</b>	<b>e.g. for complex display</b>
Our Father in Heaven	The original Aramaic word is "Abba" or "Daddy". Jesus wants us to chat to God like we would to a loving Dad.	A parent looking after a child or an animal mother looking after a young one (hen and chicks are good as this has resonances of Jesus in Luke chapter 13 verse 34).	A "family tree" – with "God" on the trunk and leaves made of hand prints from all the children (in the school?).
Hallowed be your name.	Hallowed is "sacred", "set apart" or "praised". "Your name" is another way of saying "you". God is so holy and special he deserves our constant praise. He's number one!	A shining light	The name of God in a burning bush - a reminder of the story of Moses.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.	This is a huge request – we are asking for the earth to be perfect, as God's kingdom of heaven is perfect. On the other hand, Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God was already amongst us (e.g. Matthew chapter 13 verses 31-32). This means Christians should not just be praying about the kingdom coming, but working to bring it in. Does our behaviour show that we are doing that?	A compass showing the four corners of the world, perhaps with a heart or cross superimposed to show God's love for the world.	A map of the world with the current troublespots marked with crosses, and a reminder to pray for the world.
Give us today our daily bread	Not our chips, our cake, our rich food – but give us enough to survive from day to day. This us all about need not greed! We should also be praying that everybody receives what they need – nobody should be dying of starvation.	Bread	A display of various staples e.g. not just bread but also rice or potatoes, and photographs of some of the areas of the world which have problems with their harvest.
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.	Another huge request and it's important that the two parts of the sentence are read together! We are asking that we will be forgiven by God for all we have done wrong <i>in exactly the same way</i> as we forgive others what they do to us.	A picture of a heavy load or a black lump, crossed out by a shining cross.	A baptismal font or a static display of a bowl of water and a towel.

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	So if we do not forgive others, it follows that we ask God not to forgive us! Of course, God's love for us is seen as unconditional and we don't forfeit it whatever we do, but this is an important reminder that there should be peace between ourselves and others if there is to be true peace between ourselves and God.		
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	No, this doesn't mean that God tempts us to do things like a mischievous devil! In the context of the early church this is a cry not to be put to the ultimate test of persecution (see Storykeepers!). "Temptation" is very real today in our affluent society (Romans chapter 7 verses 18-19, 24), we ask God that he will help us to do what is right today.	A rainbow – symbol of the promise of God's presence with his people.	A signpost with two arms pointing to a broad path and a narrow path – the traditional broad way of destruction and the narrow way of faith.
For the kingdom, the power and he glory are yours, now and for ever.	These words do not seem to have been in Jesus' original prayer – obviously the early Christians wanted to end with praise of God who is wonderful, powerful and glorious.	A shining crown	Symbols of the eternity of God such as a circle or Alpha and Omega.
Amen	"So be it, I agree" – a big "yes" to all that has been said!	People shaking hands	"Yes" in as many different languages as possible!

The Lord's prayer is often talked about as a "pattern prayer" i.e. by looking at the structure and contents of the prayer you can learn how Jesus recommended we should pray. This could be explored by thinking about other types of plans which people follow, e.g. a dressmaking pattern, paint by numbers, architects' plans.

