

Children and family talk for 18th September 2022

Hello everyone, it's good to have you with me as we explore more of the Bible together and praise God. But let's start by talking to God:

Dear wonderful God, who gives us everything we need every day, we want to spend this time with you. We want to learn about you God. Help us to listen and explore your word together. In your name Lord, we ask this, Amen.

A lot has happened since my last talk in August. I have been having some time away after the death of my mum on 19th August, and her funeral was last week. I loved her dearly, but now she is with my dad in heaven, and they are back together again. We have also had the news that our long reigning Queen Elizabeth II has died. She was much loved too and continued to serve as Queen right up until her death, despite being in her 90s. We now have a new monarch – King Charles III. We also have a new prime minister – Liz Truss. For this reason, I have chosen these verses to read to you today:

Our bible reading is from **1 Timothy 2, verses 1 to 7.**

2 First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to him. **2**You should pray for kings and for all who have authority. Pray for the leaders so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives—lives full of worship and respect for God. **3**This is good, and it pleases God our Saviour. **4**God wants all people to be saved. And he wants everyone to know the truth. **5**There is only one God. And there is only one way that people can reach God. That way is through Jesus Christ, who is also a man. **6**Jesus gave himself to pay for the sins of all people. Jesus is proof that God wants all people to be saved. And that proof came at the right time. **7**That is why I was chosen to tell the Good News and was chosen to be an apostle. (I am telling the truth. I am not lying.) I was chosen to teach the non-Jewish people to believe and to know the truth.

Let's talk about our Bible verses

This is part of a letter written by Paul to Timothy. They were both believers in Jesus who were trying to spread the news about Jesus to as many people as possible.

Paul writes to Timothy to help and encourage him, and to give him some instructions about worship. Praying for others is important, it helps us to focus our minds on them and sometimes God will help us to speak to them next time we see them. At this time, we should be taking the time to pray for our leaders, for our new prime minister, and for all of her advisors – there is a lot that needs doing in government, and it isn't going to be an easy job. We also need to pray for our new King. He has had a long time to prepare for this role while Queen Elizabeth II reigned, 70 years in fact, but now King Charles III has to take over all her responsibilities. The King acts as a focus for national identity, unity and pride; gives a sense of stability and continuity; officially recognises success and excellence; and supports

the ideal of voluntary service. The royal family welcome ambassadors from other nations, helping our government to make new alliances when necessary, so they have a very important job to do. Not everyone agrees with having a royal family, but most people seem to agree that the Queen did a good job for a very long time.

As Christians we believe that Jesus Christ is our King. Our Queen was a firm Christian all her life, and would have believed this too. As the bible readings say: "There is only one God. And there is only one way that people can reach God. That way is through Jesus Christ,"

Let's talk to God now:

Dear God, we pray for all the people we know, please give them the things they need. We pray particularly for people who have lost someone they loved this year, help them to know your peace in their hearts. We pray for our leaders, for Liz Truss and all her advisors, that they will make good decisions which will help people. We pray for King Charles III, as he thinks about his mum, Queen Elizabeth II, and comes to terms with her death, and as he takes over all her responsibilities, help him to remember to rely on you God, as the Queen did. We thank you for the Queens faithful service to her country.

Amen.

Now let's say the grace together...

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands together on the Amen)

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