

Celebrate Together – All Age Jubilee Prayer Stations

These prayer stations are based on the URC Jubilee picture book, Celebrate Together.

You might like to have large versions of the relevant pages at each station (you could print out the PowerPoint slides), or even give everyone a copy of the book to use as they go round the stations.

Each station will have some resources to set the theme, resources to be used in responsive prayer and an explanation sheet for the station.

Station one and six need to be close to each other so that they can collect their shoes easily.

Station six – if using, wick candles will need supervising for safety.

Station 1. The Invitation

Station set up: Chairs, a welcome sign, table with Bibles, pens, candles (can be battery).

Print double-sided invitation sheets (blank on the back) for everyone to take and use (A5 or A6).

Station 2. Everything is ready

Station set up: Chairs, a table with party nibbles, a basket with extra place settings and balloons, banners etc.

Bin, Bibles, permanent pens, helium balloons, party blowers.

Station 3. Time to celebrate

Station set up: Chairs, a table with headphones and iPads or similar loaded with worship songs of different styles, a basket with musical instruments, Bibles, pens, large roll of paper.

Station 4. Sharing Stories

Station set up: Chairs, a table with a large blank journal, Bibles, pens.

Station 5. Time to tidy up and gift bags

Station set up: Chairs, a table with party bags with gifts on the themes, wipe boards and pens, Bibles, pens, small blank cards.

Station 6. Goodbye and thanks for coming

Station set up: Chairs, a table with candles (batteries or wick with one lit and spills), Bibles, pens. Position near to Station 1 and where the shoes have been left.



Station 1. The Invitation

Bible exploration and response

Exodus 3:11 – 20 (*International Children's Bible*)

This place for us, is Holy Ground.

The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord,
and share the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.

God has called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames,

In God's presence we find our purpose

God meets us in our vulnerability, our humanity.

God calls us to follow

Let us worship the Lord together, encouraging each other
on our journeys.



Reflect and Pray:

God told Moses to remove his shoes as he was on Holy ground.

Please leave your shoes outside this space.

Take some time to pause and prepare to journey the stations with God,

Write or draw on the back of your invitation how you might get ready to meet with God, what your hopes are and anything you want to leave with God before you begin.

Place it in your shoes and leave it here.



Prayer: Light a candle

Lord God

You were there at the beginning of our time

You were there with Moses, Noah, Ruth, David

You were there with Jesus and the first church

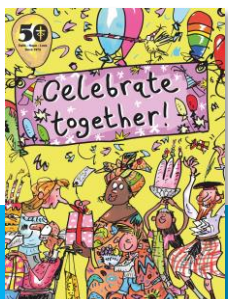
You were there at the start of the URC 50 years ago

You are here now

Thank you for inviting me to meet with you today

Help me to hear you again

When you are ready move on.



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Station 2. Everything is ready

Bible exploration and response

Isaiah 55 v 1 – 2 (*International Children's Bible*)

The Lord says, "All you who are thirsty, come and drink.

Those of you who do not have money, come, buy and eat!

Come buy wine and milk. You don't need money; it will cost you nothing.

Why spend your money on something that is not real food?

Why work for something that doesn't really satisfy you?

Listen closely to me, and you will eat what is good.

You will enjoy the food that satisfies your soul.



Reflect and Pray:

The party is ready. You will find a place set just for you.

Take some time at the table, enjoy a drink and some nibbles.

Consider all the good things that God has provided for you.

What do you want to celebrate today? Write it on a balloon as a celebration and encouragement to others.

What have others written on balloons? Can you share in their celebration?

Prayer:

Our God who provides

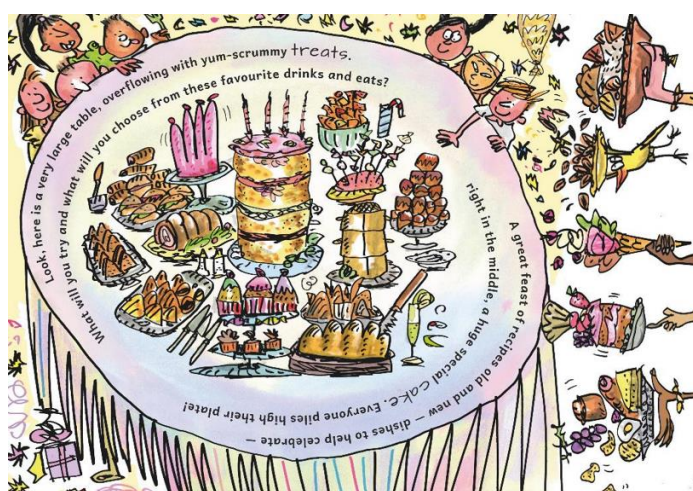
Thank you that there is a place at your table for me

Thank you for all the things you have provided for me and my family over the years

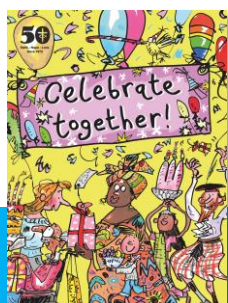
I celebrate you today and all that you are to me
Help me to share with others, to show others that they are welcome at your table.

Blow your party blower as an Amen (take it with you when you move on)

Before you leave, clear your space, and use the resources in the basket to set a place for the next person.



When you are ready move on.



Station 3. Time to celebrate



Bible exploration and response

Psalms 149 v 1 – 5 (*International Children's Bible*)

Praise the Lord!

Sing a new song to the Lord.

Sing his praise in the meeting of his people.

Let the Israelites be happy because of God, their Maker.

Let the people of Jerusalem rejoice because of their King.

They should praise him with dancing.

They should praise him with tambourines and harps.

The Lord is pleased with his people.

He saves those who are not proud.

Let those who worship him rejoice in his glory.

Let them sing for joy even in bed!

Reflect and Pray:

The Bible reminds us that it is good to celebrate, to praise and thank God.

Choose a song to play on the headphones and take some time to sing, dance, play instruments or simply listen. If others are in this space, feel free to celebrate together.

Celebrate all that God means to you, remind yourself of times when God has protected, provided, or guided you.

Why not share your songs of thanks and praise by adding a few lines to our Giant Song of Praise – write your words on the roll of paper under the previous ones.

Unroll it and take some time to read the thanks and praise of others and join in their celebration too.

Prayer:

God of all our years

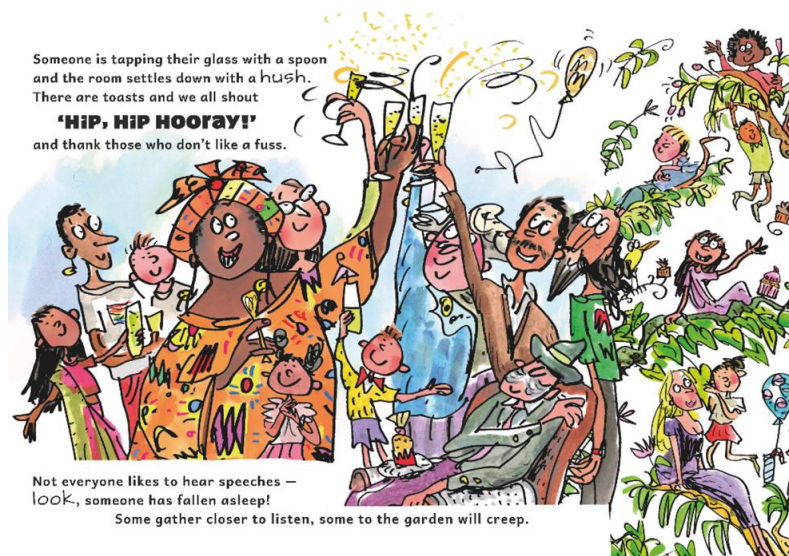
We thank you;

We praise you;

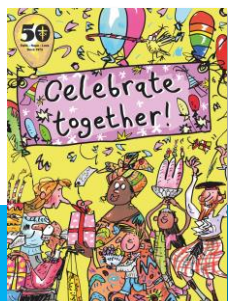
We love you

Help us to find ways to celebrate and praise you in every situation

Remind us daily of how far we have come and lead us on singing and dancing



When you are ready move on.



Station 4. Sharing Stories

Bible exploration and response

Psalm 78 v 1 – 7 (*International Children's Bible*)

My people, listen to my teaching. Listen to what I say.

I will speak using stories.

I will tell things that have been secret since long ago.

We have heard them and know them. Our fathers told them to us.

We will not keep them from our children.

We will tell those who come later about the praises of the Lord.

We will tell about his power and the miracles he has done.

The Lord made an agreement with Jacob.

He gave the teachings to Israel.

And he commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children.

Then their children would know them, even their children not yet born.

And they would tell their children. So they would all trust God.

They would not forget what God had done.



Reflect and Pray:

The bible is a wonderful collection of stories telling us the history of our faith and the wonders of God.

I wonder what your favourite story is and why?

It is good to share our stories of faith and God's goodness with others.

It keeps our faith alive and encourages others to keep going.

Take some time to reflect on your own story, where are the moments that talk about God?

Choose one part of your story and draw or write it into the Journal.

Leave it as an encouragement to others.

Take some time to flick through and enjoy some of the stories collected in the book.

I wonder which stories you found encouraging?

Prayer:

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow

We are all part of your big story

Help me to never take a moment for granted

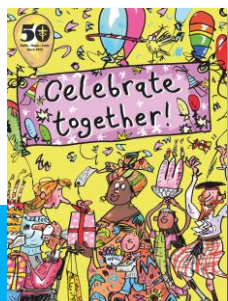
Help me to see you in my story

Help us to share our stories of faith with others and to be open to hearing their stories

I pray for the people whose stories I have read today and ask you to bless them.



When you are ready move on.



Station 5. Time to tidy up and gift bags

Bible exploration and response Galatians 5 v 22

(International Children's Bible)

But the Spirit gives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Reflect and Pray:

I wonder what the best gift you have ever received is? Who gave it to you?

Whenever we meet with God, we are changed. God's gifts to us are freely and generously given.

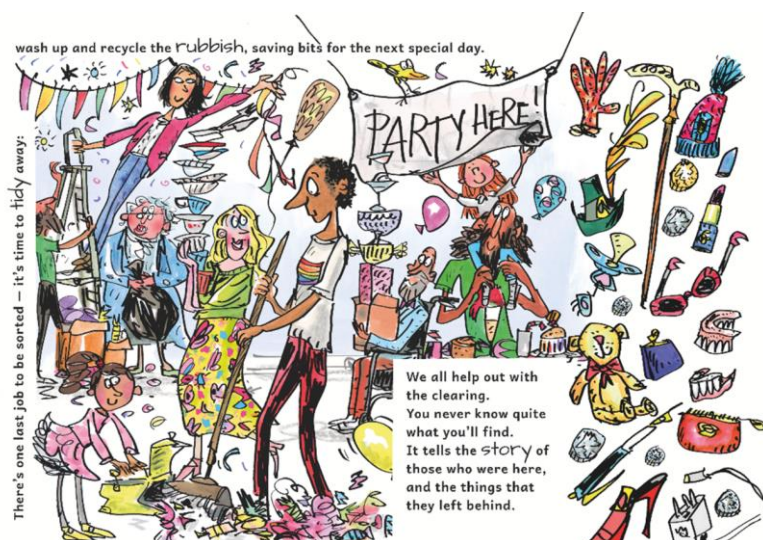
I wonder what you will take away from today?
What is it you need from God at the moment?

Take a wipe board pen and write or draw your thoughts from today. Once you have completed it, wipe them away.

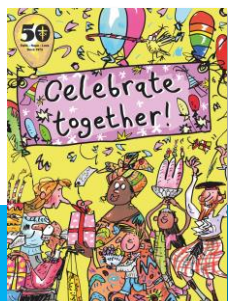
Take a card - on one side write your thoughts from the experience today, on the other write what you are asking God for.
Add it to a party bag and take it with you when you move on.

Prayer:

Generous God
Thank you for the good gifts that you have given me.
Thank you for meeting me here today.
Help me to remember the things that are important,
the things you have spoken to me about today
Remind me of the gifts you have given to me
and help me to use them for you and others.



When you are ready move on.



Station 6. Goodbye and thanks for coming

Bible exploration and response

Deuteronomy 31 v 8 (*International Children's Bible*)

The Lord himself will go before you.
He will be with you.
He will not leave you or forget you.
Don't be afraid. Don't worry.

Reflect and Pray:

Light a candle – this is often a way we remember that Jesus, light of the world, is with us. Sometimes it is hard to leave a party and go back to normality. But we go taking happy memories with us and we look forward to the next one together. Take a moment to look around the room, see the hustle and bustle of people still in the area. Notice the things that will need tidying away.

Now it is time to go and get your shoes – look at your invitation as a reminder of the beginning of the journey.

As you put on your shoes, thank God for today and ask God to be with you as you move on.

Prayer:

God who is everywhere.
Thank you for meeting me here today
Help me to move on, to continue walking with you
Let me not be the same as I was at the start
Hold my hand and lead me on

Blow out your candle as your Amen, pop it into your party bag to use when you return home as a reminder that Jesus goes with you and is your light.



When you are ready to please leave - thank you for coming.

