

All Age Prayer Event

Here is an outline programme for another all-age prayer event:

Venue :

a hall with a large map-shape of Scotland (about 5 metres in length) in the middle of the floor
cut out from carpet, paper, plastic, or an outline of masking tape)
a large simple wooden cross
plenty of tables around the edges of the hall with paper and marker pens
some chairs around the hall for those who need them when they need them
most space left clear for the different activities

The theme of the event covers:

Questions and answers - information	research -	an introductory activity of on Scotland
News from the past - places all over	remembering -	some mini-stories of revival in Scotland
Lifting off - cross	repentance -	taking the wrongs of Scotland to the
Making friends - broken relationships	reconciliation -	praying for the mending of
Putting in place - place / institution	righteousness -	praying for change in every
Welcoming Jesus -	revival -	time to receive and look forward

1. Questions and answers - research - Introductory activity:

Have sheets of A4 paper spread around the edges of the map of Scotland with a question on each - stapled underneath a sheet with the answer.

The questions will be about geography/ history/ demographics/ current affairs of Scotland which could help inform prayer. See www.scotland.gov.uk/stats for lots of ideas.

As soon as people arrive they can be pointed to the question and answer trail - this will involve them moving around/ mingling and giving them something to do as others arrive. As the answers will be there to find, there will not be any need to take up time by going through all the questions and answers with the assembled (although it might be worth asking what surprised people most).

2. News from the past - remembering

People standing around the map.

10-12 mini stories from past revivals from different places around Scotland. When each is read (like reading the news) someone can stand with a "flag" (cane with paper attached at top with name place written on it) on the place that the story is about. So we see what has happened in the past all around the country - to help our faith for what is to come.

source of stories: *Children in Revival* - Harry Sprange

Praise Song and thank you prayers.

3. Lifting off - repentance

People go to tables to get paper and pens to write or draw what is wrong in Scotland that needs shifting - all ages able to take it at their own level.

Then all those papers placed on Scotland.

Prayer for Scotland to be released from these things while some people lift them off and place

them at the foot of the cross.

Song

4. Being friends - reconciliation

Working in groups - who needs to be made friends with who? - someone in the group writes down the words on the same piece of paper (e.g. parents / children) then tear apart - to show their separation. Then all the different names of groups of people are mixed up together. People take one each and try to find the one or ones who they are meant to be joined in friendship with.

This will be a bit chaotic - and there's the lesson that it's not always easy!

When "friend" found, prayer in pairs for this.

5. Putting in place - righteousness

Pieces of paper/card each with a different "place" on it are placed around/on the map - e.g. schools, homes, workplaces, churches, courts, prisons, hospitals, town centres, harbours, farms, army/ navy/ airforce bases, playgroups/nurseries, public halls, police stations, factories, oil rigs, shops/shopping centres, youth clubs, workshops, hotels/hostels, offices, colleges, care homes, national/local government buildings, leisure centres, pubs/clubs, community centres, roads/streets, hospices, cinemas/theatres, TV/radio studios, parks, universities, fishing boats.

- thinking about what we want to see put in place in each of these so that they are more in line with God's ways..

Everyone chooses one to pray for, short specific prayers with the others who have gathered at that one - blow trumpet/ horn then everyone moves on to another place and repeats.

6. Welcoming Jesus - revival

Refer to Jean Darnall's vision.- see below

We want to welcome Jesus and all that he wants to bring to Scotland. What things does he want to bring? Let us ask the Holy Spirit to show us and give us ideas.

Song, then a receiving time - everyone sits or lies down - we invite the Holy Spirit to bring something from Jesus to us, then a few minutes music.

People go to the tables to write/ draw what they have received and/or the things that Jesus brings.

Then attaching the pictures/words each to the end of a "streamer" - then pulling the streamers from above the top of Scotland, down across the country until the map is well covered (streams of revival) . Red and white plastic "zebra tape" from a builder's merchants works well - you could use paper rolls, string, wool, - or have people running from north to south over Scotland so that they are the streams.)

Note that if the streamers go over Scotland to the south, then all these things that Jesus wants to bring end up in England! - and it is worth making the point that Jesus does not just want to do things **in** Scotland, he wants to do things **through** Scotland.