

Palm Sunday 2025



With our fingers we point and clap and wave a big hello. With our fingers we hold on tight and measure how tall we grow With our fingers we eat and drink and open treats and snacks With our fingers we rub our stuffie as our grandma rubs our backs

Draw or make a list of things your fingers do

Our fingers are great at lots of things, the list goes on all day, But I want to tell you how our fingers can also help us pray. We fold our hands or hold them open, God doesn't really care. God's just eager to hear and listen, and to take in what we share.



We can pray for ourselves, we can pray for others. We can pray for our parents, sisters, siblings and brothers. We can pray for our country, for presidents, prime ministers and kings. We can pray for our enemies who hurt us with words that slice and sting.

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write down who or what you would like to pray for today.

Our fingers can remind us to pray and praise and ponder; Each digit dials in a fear, a request, a wonder. There's no wrong way to say a prayer but here's a place to start: Just share what's on your mind, let God hear what's in your heart.

I praved to the Lord and said, 'Lord God, do not destroy your people, your very own possession, whom you redeemed in your greatness, whom you brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. (Deut. 9:26)

Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, (1 Kings 8:28)

Now during those days [Jesus] went out to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. (Luke 6:12)

find and circle the word 'PRAY' in the verses above.

With your thumb you can pray for family and friends—for anyone close by. The pointer's for the teachers and coaches who encourage you to try. The tallest finger's for those in charge—in churches, cities and towns. The next one's for the sick or sad, for someone feeling down.

	Dear God,
Thank you for your	•
Please be with	Help them to feel
	Please protect the
Please comfort	Thank you for
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I pray for	··
Thank you for your	

Fill in the blanks to create your own prayer

We've praved for our friends, our churches and schools, we're almost to the end— There's just one more thing to bring to mind—one more praver to send. Our final finger is for US, for our bodies, spirits and minds. We can ask God to help us grow and to remind us to be kind.

draw a picture of yourself.

Our fingers can remind us that Jesus made a way For us to talk directly to God—to say whatever we want to say. In Jesus' day, the crowd created a parade of green tree palms So now we wave and sing and pray with our fingers and our palms.



trace your hand and decorate it.

A crowd of hands can do so much more when fingers join together. We can pack and feed and sew and share and make our planet better. We can also sing and pray and read and pass a sign of peace. We can all join our palms together, from the greatest to the least.

Our fingers are great at lots of things, we've named a few above. Perhaps the most magical thing our fingers do is show and share God's love.



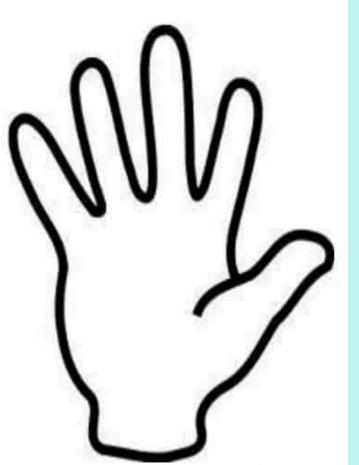
The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

<u>Pointer</u>: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

<u>Index:</u> (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those



that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

<u>Pinkie:</u> (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs. graphic by Paula Baytieh

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