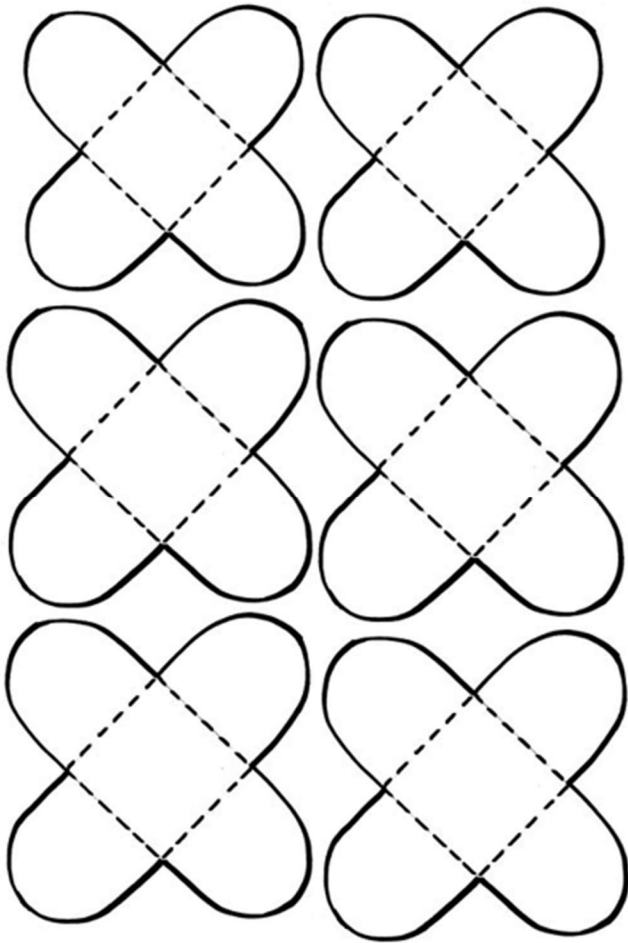
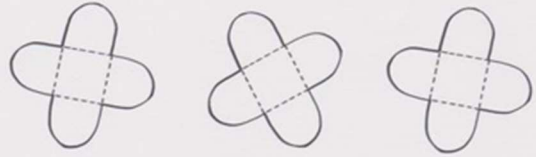


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Colour the petals with colouring pencils.

Write a prayer in the centre.

Fold the petals over the middle, one at a time, to hide the prayer. Crease well. Float carefully on top of the water in a bowl or paddling pool.

Watch the petals slowly open, lifting the prayer up to God.

**Science:** When you fold and crease the petals you break the paper fibres. The water seeps into the broken fibres first, forcing the petals open.

**Tips:** Use colouring pencils instead of felt-tipped pens or the ink seeps into the water too!  
Lay the folded flower on top of the water carefully and watch. Don't sink it into the water!  
Experiment with different sized flower shapes.

## Notes:

- I suggest the flower pattern above be enlarged, using a photocopier. This will make cutting around the “petals” much easier – and also provide a larger space for, potentially, more than one-word prayers! The larger shapes can be printed on coloured paper, or be coloured by participants.
- Search the internet for “floating flower prayer images” for different flower shapes, or draw your own free-hand.
- Make sure you make a good crease when folding over the petals as this will ensure they “open” fully when floated on the water.
- At the end of a recent workshop, someone gave me this lovely suggestion: “flowers” could be given to worshippers as they enter a Baptism Service and be encouraged to write a prayer for the newly baptised. At the end of the service, the flowers could be placed in the font (if it's large enough) or floated in a small wading pool. A lovely idea for weddings, Confirmations or a Celebration of Life – an offering of prayers for all of life's treasured moments.