

# BRIDGES OF PRAYER AND LOVE

“Devotional meetings are occasions where any soul may enter, inhale the heavenly fragrances, experience the sweetness of prayer . . .” —The Universal House of Justice

**F**riends share encouraging messages with sidewalk chalk art, singing to neighbors from balconies, and celebrate with family on video calls. With creativity and care, people around the world are building bridges of love across barriers of social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Spiritual Assembly encourages every U.S. household to hold a regular devotional meeting. Whether we gather virtually, outdoors, or with family, we can uplift each other while maintaining a healthy distance. Here are some ideas for adding the warmth of love and friendship to your gatherings.

## CREATIVE CARDS

Gather fallen leaves, clean with damp cloth, and let dry. Mix 1 cup glue with  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup water, and paint thin layer on back of leaves to preserve them. When dry, paint the front and add googly eyes. When dry, use permanent marker to create a face.

Glue each leaf onto a blank card. Write a note of encouragement or thanks and send it to a friend.



## VIRTUAL CHARADES



Choose a theme, such as creativity or friendship. Ask everyone to write a word, action, or object that matches the theme.

Take turns acting out the word while everyone guesses. The person with the most correct answers starts the next round by choosing a new theme.

## AUTUMN GLOW



Gather and clean colorful leaves, or buy artificial fall leaves. Mix 1 cup glue with  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup water. Paint glue mixture on outside of clean mason jar. Place leaf on jar, then cover leaf with more glue mixture.

Continue with remaining leaves. When dry, place a battery-operated candle inside jar to brighten your devotional space.

## WHO'S WHO?

Before you meet online, ask everyone to send you a fun digital photo of themselves from their childhood or youth.

At your virtual meeting, share one photo at a time on your screen. Participants guess who is in each photo. The person in the photo then shares a related memory. Everyone gets one point for each correct guess. The person with the most points wins.



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