

DRAW NEAR TO GOD

FOR LENT: FEBRUARY 17 TO APRIL 3



DRAWING GOD
PRAYER KIT



HELLO, FRIEND!

Prayer is a wonderful invitation to draw closer to God, especially during Lent. We learn from our *Drawing God* book project that everyone sees God differently. That is also true of prayer. Everyone prays differently, regardless of your faith denomination or beliefs, and that is a beautiful gift that we can share with others.

During these unsettling times, let's find strength in the verse James 4:8 : "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." How can your prayers draw you closer to God? What does prayer mean to you? How do you pray? What do your prayers look like?

Follow along as we use the *Drawing God* book as an opportunity to DRAW prayers in our hearts and also on paper. In the book, *Drawing God*, Emma turns to God for inspiration as she decides to draw God. When her friends can't see God in her drawings, what does she do? She PRAYS. Emma turns to God and asks for help.

In this world, we need God's divine assistance. We can do that through prayer, but not only in words or in conversation but also through artistic expression.

Please join us as we invite everyone to pray more, to write prayers, to recite prayers, and draw prayers: children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, and adults. Then we invite you to share your prayer inspiration with others by sending a jpeg of your prayers or drawings to the Drawing God Project drawinggodday@gmail.com. Your prayer intentions or prayer drawings may be featured in the virtual Drawing God Museum on a special lenten Prayer Wall in the Museum in the coming weeks.

Explore this Prayer Kit and join us as we all share in the gift of PRAYER together.

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A FEW FAVORITE FAVORITE PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*

HAIL MARY

*Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death
Amen.*

GLORY BE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.*

JESUS TO HIS DISCIPLES (MATTHEW 5)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

*Lord, make me an instrument
of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; and Where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying to ourselves that
we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

ANGEL OF GOD

*Angel of God, My guardian Dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day,
Be at my Side,
To light and guard,
To rule and guide,
Amen.*

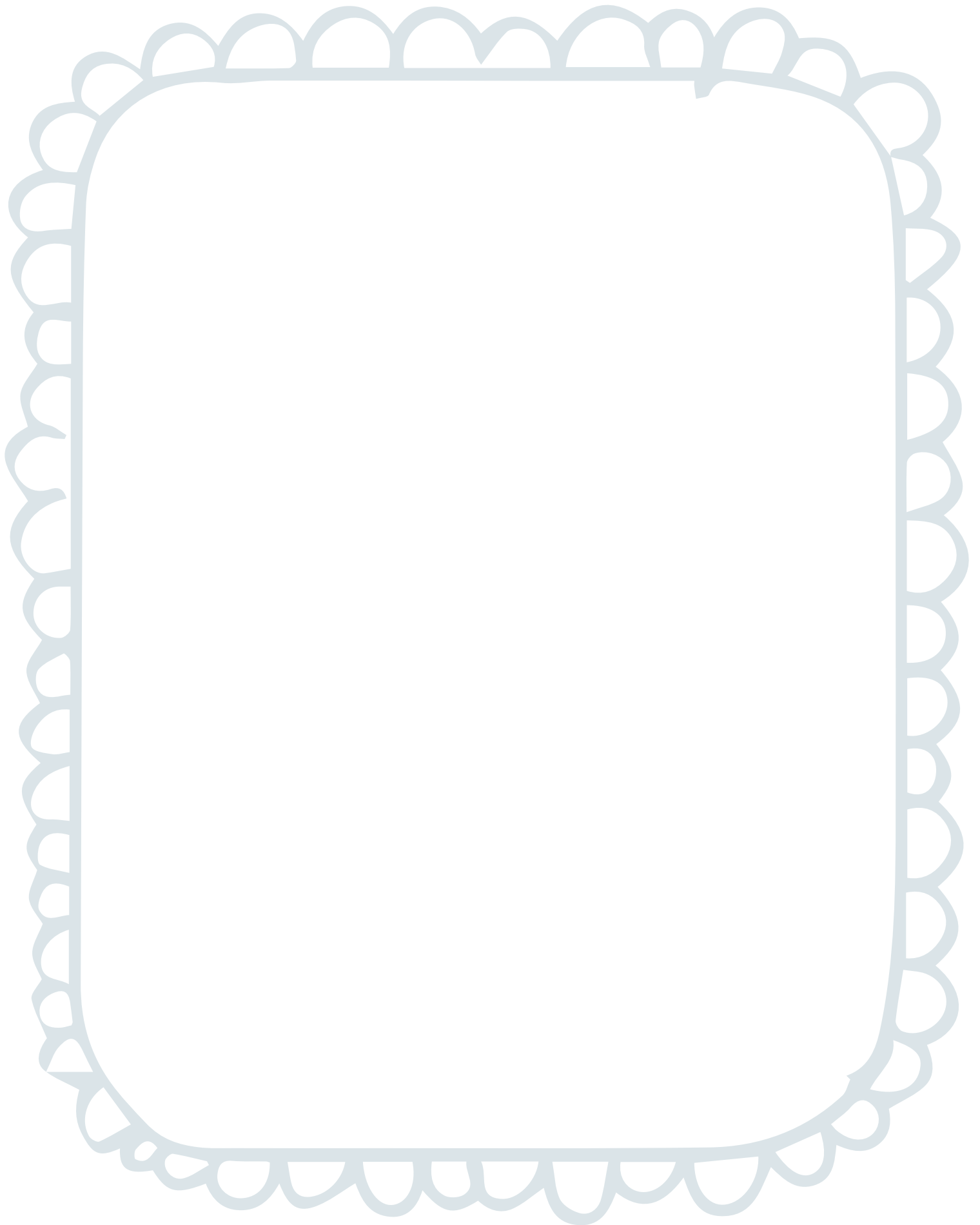
JESUS ALONE BY THOMAS KEMPIS

*Give me, Lord Jesus, special grace to rest in You above all creatures,
Above all health and beauty,
Above all gladness of body and soul,
Above all sweetness and consolation,
Above all hope and promise,
Above all gifts and rewards that You may give or send,
Except Yourself.*

HOW DO YOU DRAW CLOSE TO GOD?

CAN YOU DRAW THAT?

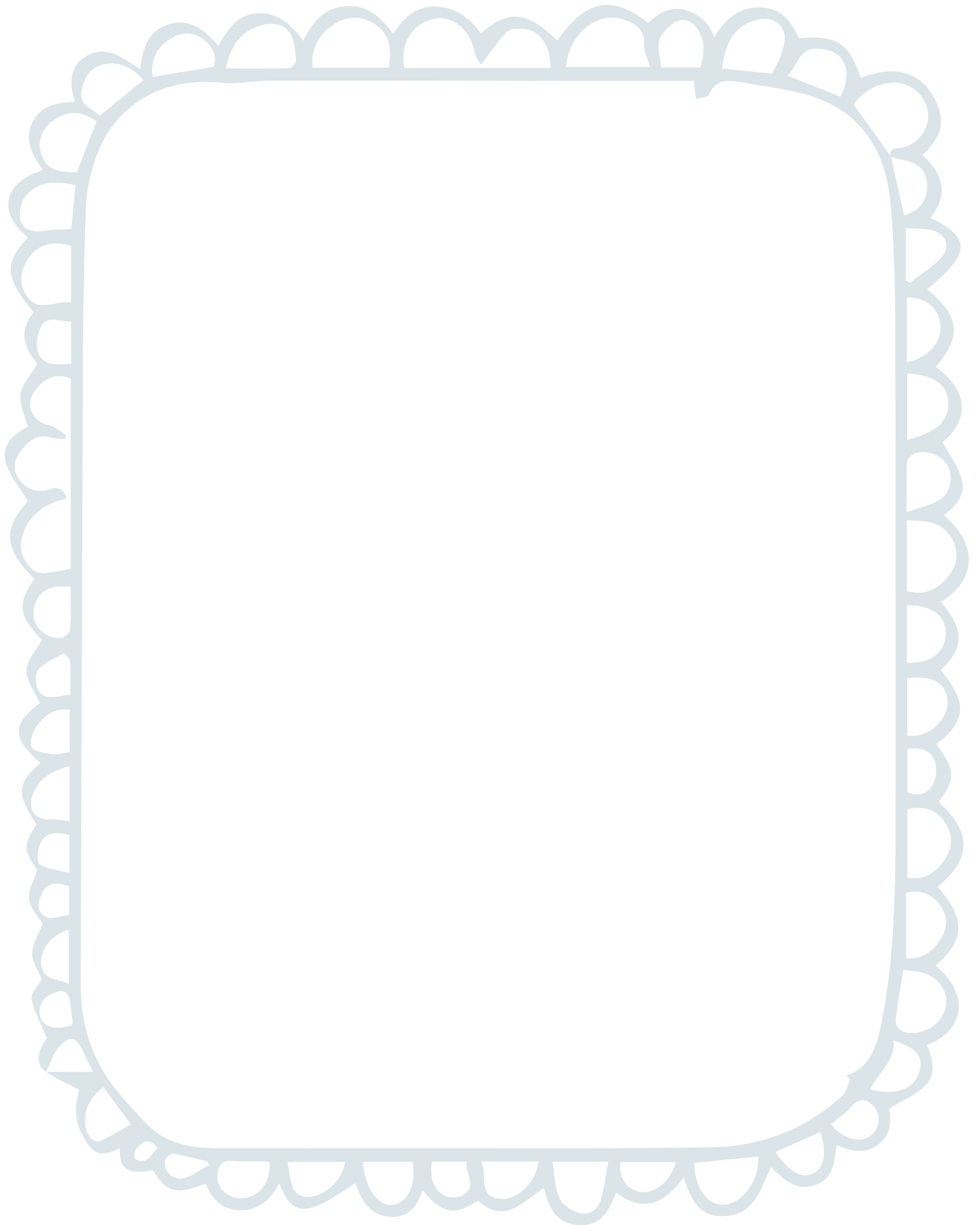




WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PRAYER?
WHY?

CAN YOU DRAW THAT?



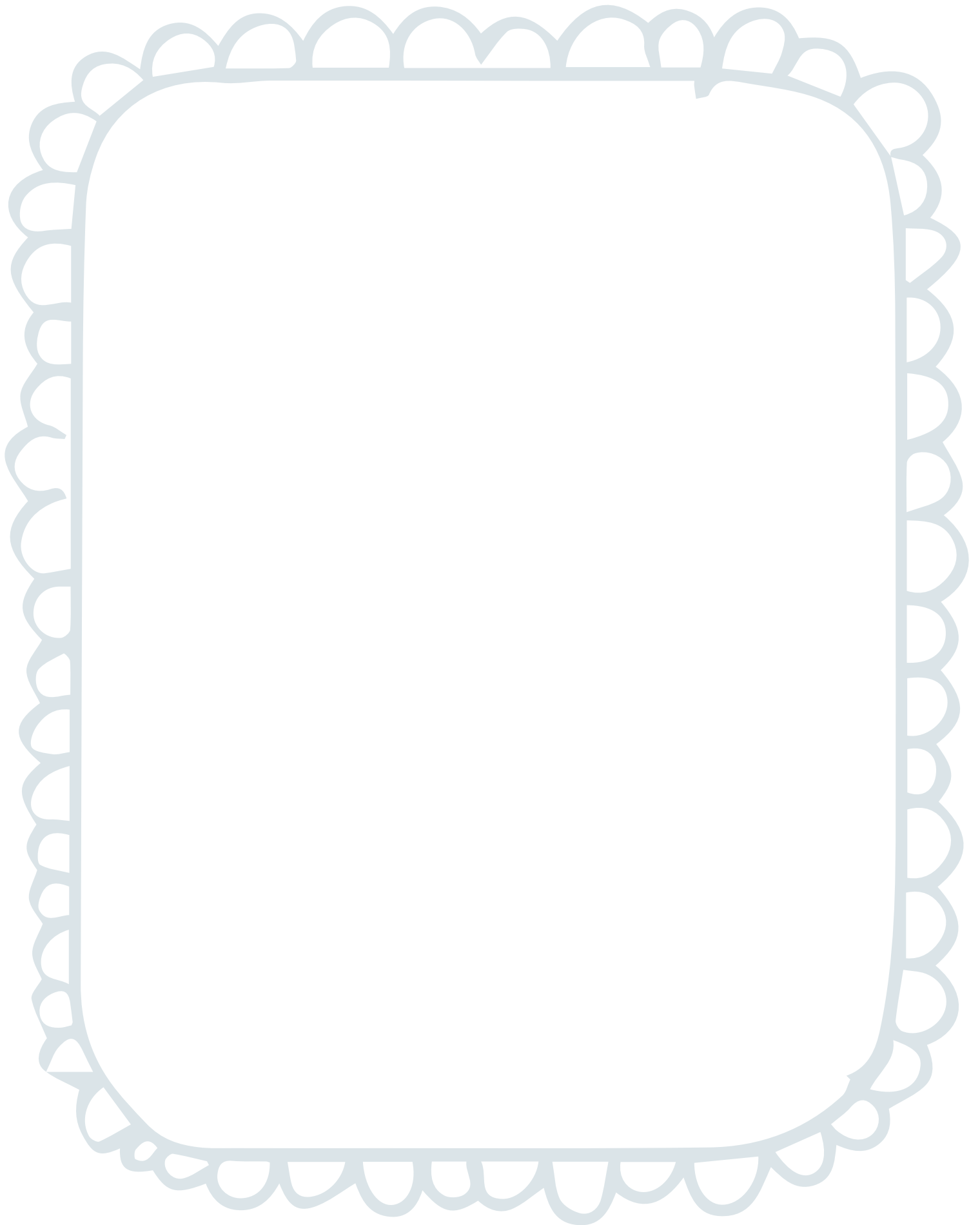




FOR WHAT OR WHOM DO YOU PRAY?

CAN YOU DRAW THAT?

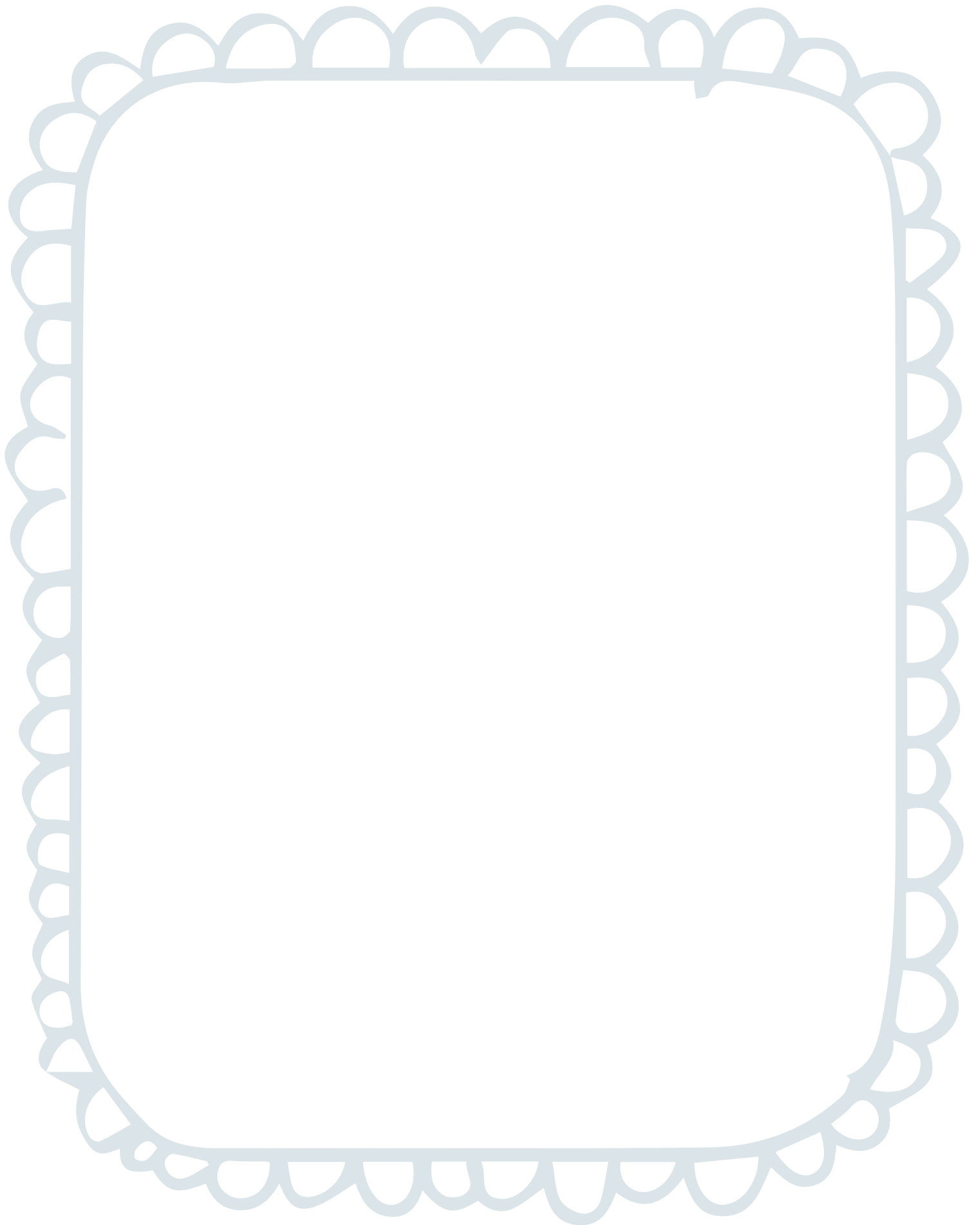




HOW DO YOU PRAY FOR THE SICK?

CAN YOU DRAW THAT?

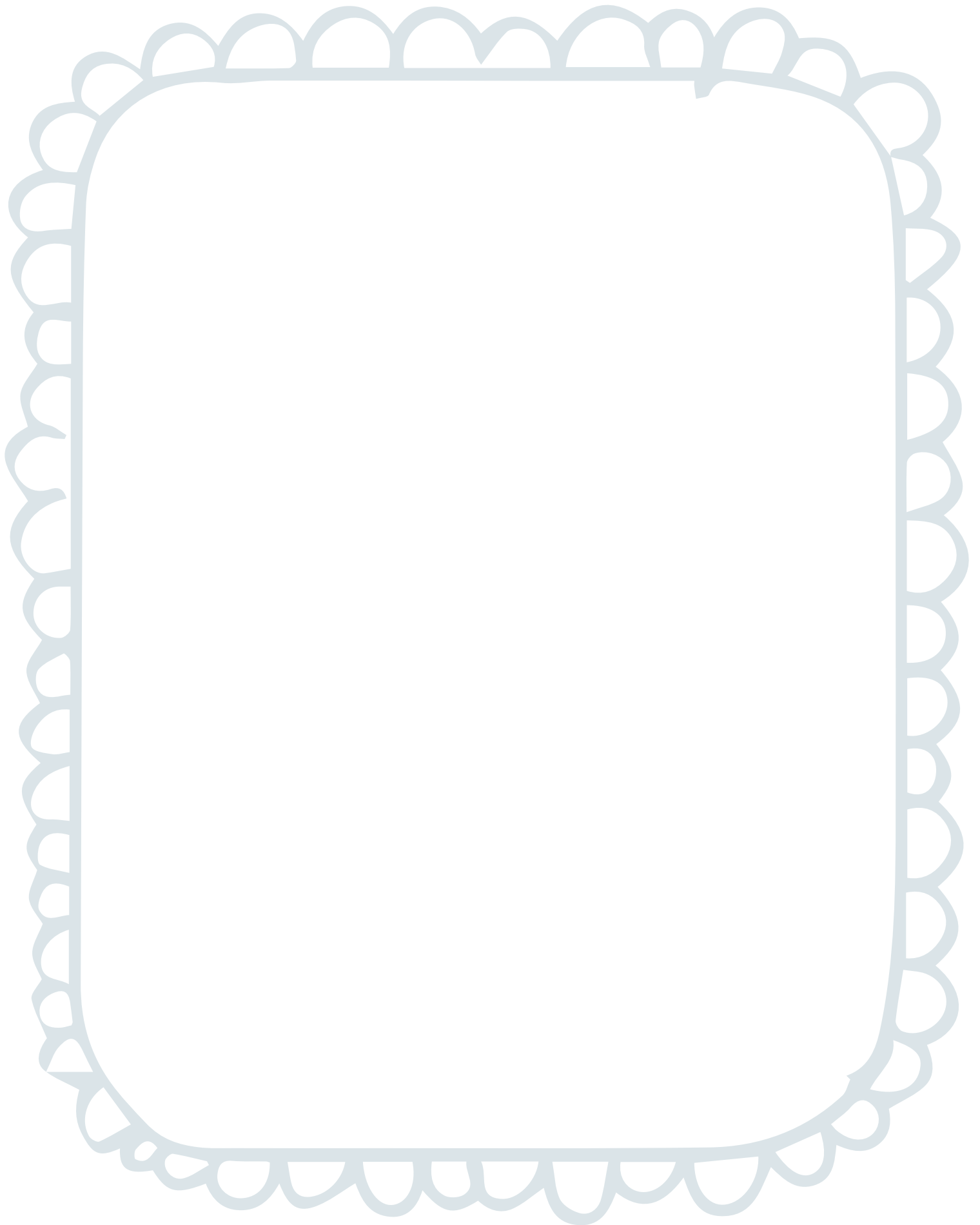




HOW DO YOU PRAY FOR GOD'S CREATION?

CAN YOU DRAW THAT?

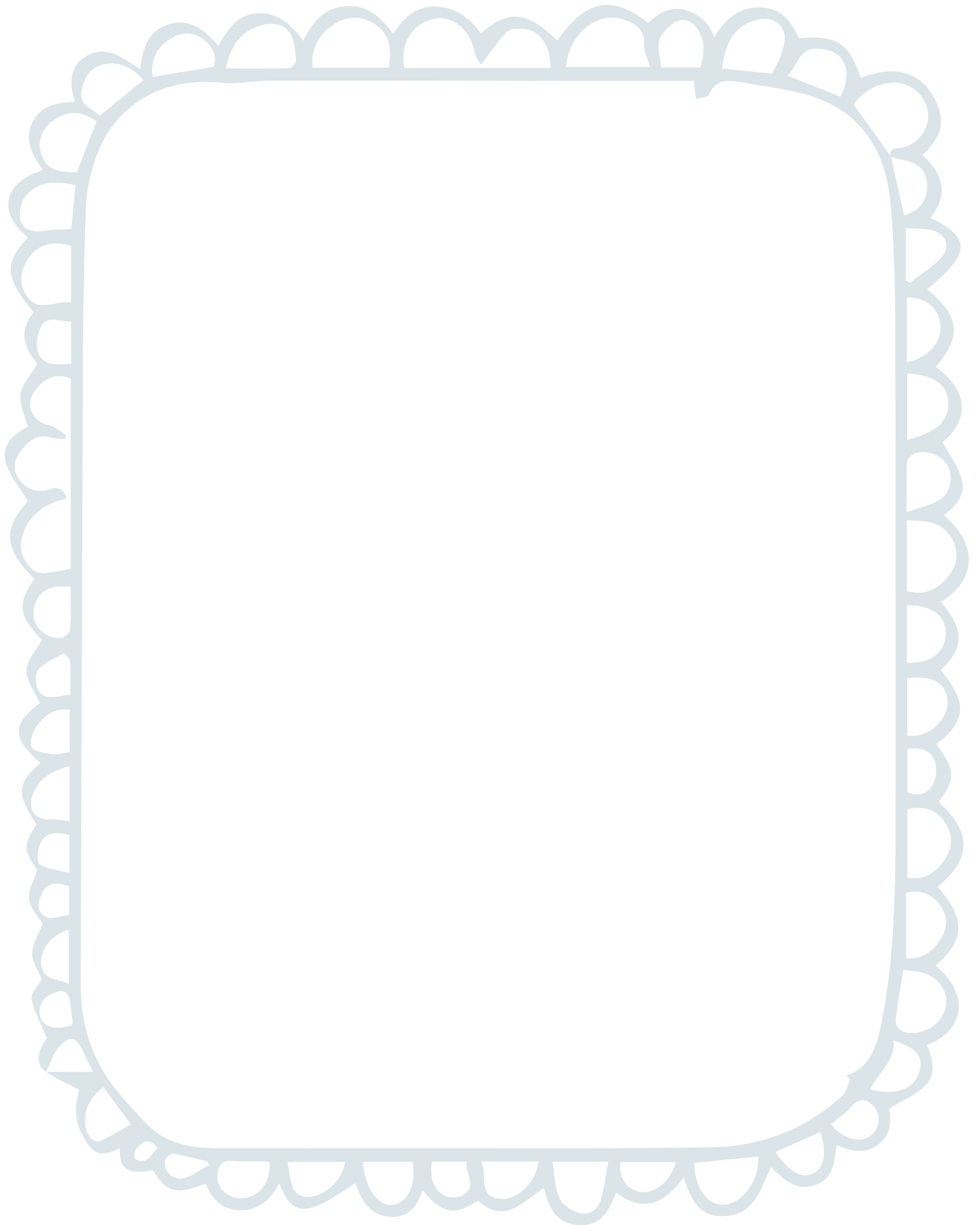


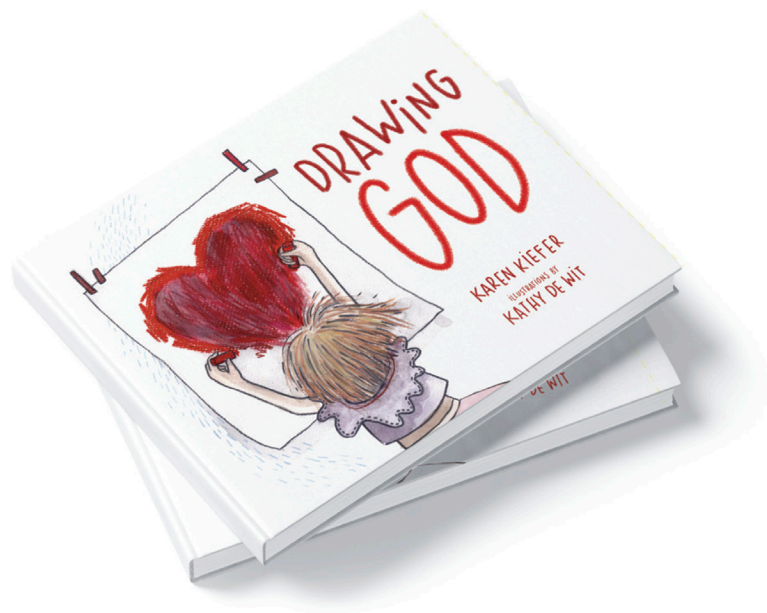


HOW DO YOU PRAY FOR THE WORLD IN THIS PANDEMIC?

CAN YOU DRAW THAT?







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AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU.

JAMES 4:8



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