

Emoticon Prayer

We are all different and special in our own way. Some of us learn best by listening and speaking, some learn experientially and others learn visually. When Joel was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome we began to enter into a whole new way of understanding and relating to the world around us. Joel has a fantastic visual memory and understands better when he can see things pictorially. He does though struggle to understand emotions. This was a prayer I wrote using emoticons that are used in instant messaging, of which Joel is very fond – he can write whole messages using these pictures and no words! I have though left the words in for those of us that need them!

HELLO! 😊

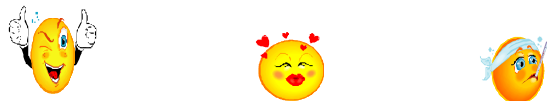
God who loves us all,



We thank you when we are feeling happy.



We thank you for the fun things we can enjoy.



We thank you for all the people that love us and look after us.



We are sorry when we get angry or hurt other people.



We are sorry when we argue and fall out with one another.



Help us to say sorry and make up again



So we can feel good about ourselves and our friends.

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