3 **Our Prayer Place**

**YOU WILL NEED:**

\* a small table

\* a box or basket, containing a cloth, Bible, bookstand, paschal candle, Easter holy water and white garment

*Invite children to sit reverently in a circle in the part of the classroom where you intend to set up a prayer place. Begin by saying…*

**As Easter begins we’re going to change our prayer place. During the season of Easter we’ll have some different objects to help us be with God.**

*Cover the table with the white cloth.*

**At this time of the Church’s year we place a white cloth on the table.**

**White is the colour of joy. Easter is the season we joyfully celebrate Jesus rising from the dead. Easter is the greatest season of the Church’s year.**

*Hold the Bible up for all children to see. Be conscious of handling the Bible in a reverent manner.*

**The Bible is our sacred book. At this time in the Church’s year we listen to and tell the stories of what Jesus said and did after his resurrection.**

*Model carrying the Bible as you would in a procession.*

*Place the Bible on a bookstand on the table.*

*Hold the paschal candle and show to children.*

**The paschal candle reminds us that Jesus is always with us. We will light the candle when we are talking and praying to God, and when we are listening to the stories from the Bible.**

*Place the candle on the table.*

*Hold the bowl of Easter holy water and the white garment.*

**The Easter water and the white garment symbolise our new life in Christ.**

*Place bowl of water and white garment on table.*

*Other symbols appropriate to 3.3 Easter unit can also be added.*

**This is our prayer place for Easter.**

*Point to the symbols and objects as you name them again.*

**It has a *white* cloth, a Bible, the paschal candle, Easter water and a white garment.**

**Let us pray………***Pause*

**May the love of God bless us and fill our lives with joy as we celebrate the great season of Easter. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**