



1 Peter 2:4-10

(Lectionary Year A Easter 5)

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Opportunity for shared prayer in response to the passage, encouraging those who are gathered to think about building, and rejecting and mercy.

You will need:

- Art image by Chris Booth
- Text on screen with prayer prompts highlighted (see below)
- Chalk
- 20 bricks (if you have brick walls where you gather, and your property guardians feel comfortable, you could use the brick wall for this activity)

Time required:

7 minutes

Connect

In our prayers today we have opportunities to respond to what we have heard from the Bible.

We are invited - 'Come to him, a living stone' and so we come with our prayers.

There are a number of bricks here, and you are invited to use some chalk to write a word or draw a symbol in prayer on the side of a brick.

There are some parts of the text that are highlighted, that might prompt you in your prayers.

You might like to pray about the times you have stumbled with God. Or for people you know who find God hard to accept.

You might pray for something in the world, or someone you know who is finding life heavy and hard.

You might pray for our community here – for the way God is building us into a place God's presence can be seen and known and shared. Or pray for those who feel

outside of God's presence to be welcome and included, mortared solidly into our house of living stones here.

You might pray in thankfulness for the light Jesus brings, or the mercy you have received from God

This is our time to bring our prayers to God. Pray silently, pray seated, pray moving, pray on bricks, pray in words, pray alone, pray with one another.

Leave space for this, playing quiet music, perhaps 'Cornerstone' ccli 6158927

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2:4 **Come to him, a living stone**, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and

2:5 like living stones, **let yourselves be built into a spiritual house**, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

2:6 For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."



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2:7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “**The stone that the builders rejected** has become the very head of the corner,”

2:8 and “**A stone that makes them stumble**, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into **his marvelous light**.

2:10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but **now you have received mercy**.



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