Doodle Prayers

Example 1

A

Brenda

B

C

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Example 2

A

Peace on earth

B

C

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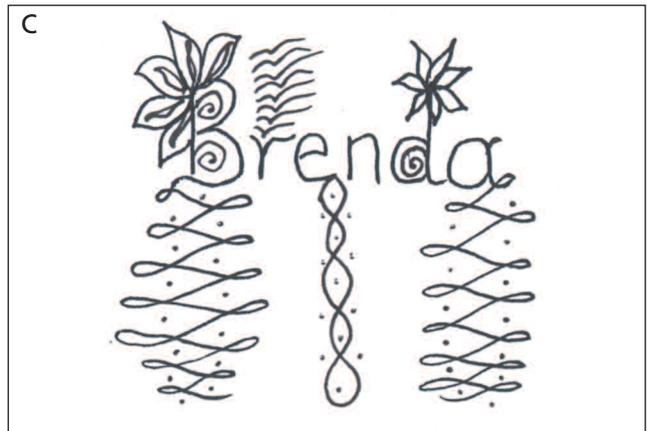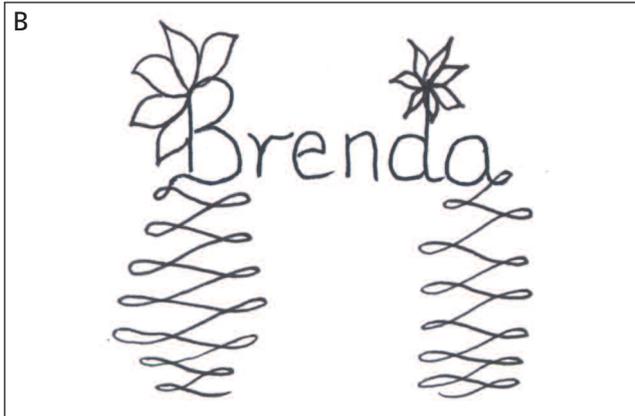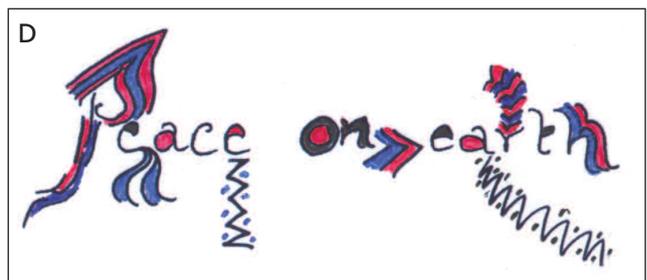
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Note: *You might like to review the note on 'Doodle Prayers' in the Introduction on p.6 above. (See examples on inside front cover.)*
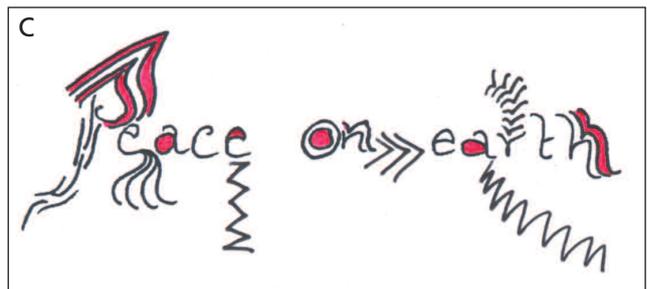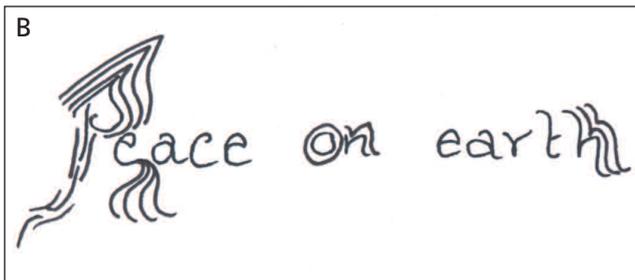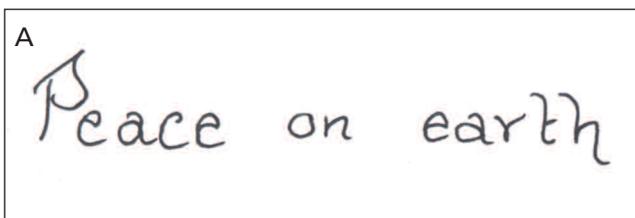
Creating doodle prayers for Section C –
Foundations of Religion – Major World Religions

Preparation
You will need:
• Gel pens, markers or crayons
• A black marker, pen or sharp pencil
• A plain sheet of paper

Note: No erasers required, as every mark made is part of the entire prayer! The end product – a 'doodle prayer' – is a visual reminder of time spent in prayer for others.

General Guidelines
In this section, we can use the 'doodle prayers' to write an inter-faith prayer. It would be a good idea to divide the class into approximately seven or eight groups, with each group responsible for one line of the inter-faith doodle prayer. When the groups are formed, invite the students to compose a line for the prayer. When this task has been completed, the individual words are divided between the members of the group. Now each person is ready to doodle their part of the inter-faith doodle prayer.

Step 1: Begin by lighting a candle to symbolise the presence of God. A prayer, perhaps chosen from the prayers for Section C above, may be said together.

Step 2: Play some soft background music and encourage the students to become relaxed and calm.

Step 3: When ready, each student writes their word(s) on the sheet of paper.

Step 4: Slowly, with their minds focused on their words, they can begin to doodle around them, adding colour and decorative designs as desired.

Step 5: Gradually, add another word, and another, until each student's part of the inter-faith prayer has been 'doodled'.

Afterwards, the inter-faith doodle prayer can be collated and incorporated into a prayer service, or presented as a colourful display at the sacred prayer space.