

An Advent Prayer - getting ready for Christmas

Lord Jesus, Bless our friends and family.

Help us to get ready for your birthday
on Christmas Day.

Help us to give happiness
to others each day of Advent
till Christmas comes. Amen



Suggested Advent Activities in December 2021:

1. Be especially kind to someone at school.
2. Make a decoration for your tree or your bedroom.
3. Remember to say "please" and "thank you".
4. Watch the Christingle service on Facebook (@WhittonTeam News).
5. Bake some biscuits or mince pies.
Come to the Advent Family Service at 4pm in Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury.
6. Write your own advent prayer to say today.
7. Put a tin or packet in the Food Collective basket in your church.
8. Do a good deed for a friend or neighbour, or someone at home with you.
9. Say "thank you" to God for the people who looked after you when you were little.
10. Make Christmas gift tags.
11. Visit or phone someone near you who can't get out much.
12. Have each member of the family finish this sentence: "To me, Christmas means: ...".
13. Take some (nice) toys or books to a charity shop.
14. Find someone who needs cheering up and give them a smile or a hug.
15. Write a letter, phone or send an email to someone who you haven't seen for a while.
16. Do something helpful for your teacher, to say "thank you" for teaching you.
17. Put out food and water for the birds in the cold weather.
18. Make a Christmas card and give it to someone in a nursing home, or to a neighbour.
19. Look at the Christmas cards you have received, and say a prayer for the senders.
20. Say a prayer for all the people who will be working over Christmas to keep us safe and warm and healthy - doctors, police, ambulance crews,
21. Come to the "Nativity Trail" on Aldbourne Green
(4 - 6.30pm, followed by carols at 6.30).
22. Watch a favourite Christmas movie together and share a memory from past Christmases.
23. Tidy your room without being asked, or do something else to be helpful.
24. Come to the Crib Service in Aldbourne or Ramsbury, or find a service to go to tomorrow.
25. Sing "Happy Birthday, dear Jesus" and say "Thank you" to God for giving us such a wonderful present.

Happy Christmas, with love from all at the Whitton Team!

(St Michael's Aldbourne, St Nicholas Baydon, St Mary's Chilton Foliat,
All Saints Froxfield, Holy Cross Ramsbury and St Michael's Axford.)