



# Prayer Activities

## Town Praise

Write the name of your town, one letter to a line, down the left side of a piece of paper. Write a psalm of praise, thanks, and requests for your town with each line of your psalm beginning with one of the letters in your town's name.

## Project Prayer

Find out about a community project in your area that helps people. Visit the project, and learn about how it works and what it does. Ask what its greatest needs are, and pray for them. Perhaps you can think of something practical you can do to support the project, too.



## My Thoughts & Feelings



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# November

Grace



## Worship



1

**2 Corinthians 9:8** Praise God that He has given you so many gifts that keep you happy, loved, and alive!

2

**John 14:1-3** Praise God that He's not just taking care of you today, but He's also planning a wonderful future for you! He's making a special home for you in heaven!

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**Romans 8:38, 39** Praise God that we can always trust Him to take care of us, and nothing can separate us from His love.

4

**Matthew 6:31, 32** Thank God that He knows just what you need, even before you know you need it! Look out for the ways He is meeting your needs today.

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**2 Corinthians 9:11** Praise God that He is generous to us! He has given us so much, so that we can share His good gifts with others. What is He giving you to share today?

6

**Proverbs 24:3, 4** Walk through your house, thanking God for everything that makes your home a special place to be.

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**Psalms 100:4** Invite each person in your family to find five things that represent what they're most thankful to God for, and put them on the table. Talk about your choices, and take turns to say a prayer of thanks for them.

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**Psalms 46:1** Thank God for something special He has done to help your family just when you needed it. Is there something important you need to ask Him for today?

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**Ecclesiastes 3:11** Thank God for something difficult that's happening in your family. It may be hard now, but God is working to turn it into something good and beautiful eventually.

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**Psalms 103:10, 11** Thank God for something special He has done for you that you felt you didn't deserve. He did it just because He loves you so much!

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**Ephesians 1:9** Thank God that you have grown up in a place where you could learn about His love for you. Do you know some people who still don't know that God loves them?

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**2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17** Thank God that He loved us enough to send Jesus to die for our sins, so we can be forgiven! That's what grace is all about!

13

**Philippians 4:19** Thank God for providing for all of your needs this week: air, water, food, clothes, shelter, love and forgiveness, and so on.



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**Philippians 1:3, 4** Thank God for the different ways love is shown in your family. Every time you see someone doing something loving and kind in your family, write it down in a love-spy notebook. At the end of the day, show your family what you've noticed, and thank them for their love.



God Gives Us  
Everything We Need!



## Community



15

**Psalms 126:6** Pray for the farmers in your area. Praise God if they've had good harvests, and ask God to help them if the harvest has been poor this year.

16

**Proverbs 8:10, 11** Thank God that you can learn how to read and write. Pray for your teachers and for the children who have no schools to go to.

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**Colossians 3:23** Pray for the people who work in the stores in your town. Say something kind to a worker at a store the next time you go shopping with your parents.

18

**Proverbs 28:19** Pray for the mission workers around the world who are teaching local people how to be good farmers and grow food for themselves.

19

**Acts 2:44-47** Thank God for new people who are coming to your church to learn about Jesus. What can you do to welcome them?

20

**Mark 10:13-16** Thank God for all the children in your church! It's great to have friends who love Jesus, too! If you're the only child, pray that more children will come to your church.

21

**Psalms 92:12-14** Thank God for the older people in your church who helped to start your church, or who have supported it for a very long time. Do something special to thank them.



## Extras

## Service



22

**Acts 11:27-30** Pray that God will provide food for a hungry family somewhere in the world in answer to your prayer.

23

**Proverbs 19:17** Ask each person in your family to choose their favorite foods and to thank God for them. Put the food in a box, add some special treats, and give it to a needy family.

24

**Romans 12:13** Think of someone who is lonely and invite the person to share a meal with your family this week. Pray that he or she will feel God's love by spending time with your family.

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**2 Corinthians 9:13, 14** Helping someone is a good way to say thank you! Thank God for someone who takes care of you and find a way to help him or her today.

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**Romans 1:8** Write a note to each person in your family, telling them why you thank God for them. Put it by their place at the dinner table today or on their bed.

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**2 Corinthians 9:11** Think of something that you have lots of, such as clothes, food, or toys. Thank God that you have more than enough, and ask Him who to share your extra things with.

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**1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13** Choose one or more people to thank at church, such as your teacher, leaders, friends, pastor, and so on. Find a special way to thank them for everything they do for you and your church.

29

**Psalms 103:2** Think of three new things to thank God for that you've never thanked Him for before!

30

**Genesis 9:12-16** Thank God in a colorful way! Put some colored things, such as buttons or crayons, in a cloth bag. Pull out one item, and thank God for something that's the same color.







## Thank-You Placemats

Create a new thanksgiving prayer for your family to say before meals. Make placemats by writing your prayer on sheets of cardstock. Decorate the placemat prayers with stickers, pictures, and drawings. Protect your designs with clear adhesive film. Use them for a special meal this month.

## Thank-You Rainbow

Make a rainbow collage or a booklet out of different colored papers. Stick pictures of the things you want to thank God for on the different papers, matching the main color of the object to the color of the paper. See how many different colored things you can find to thank God for.

## My Thoughts & Feelings

Blank lined paper for writing.

### Thank-You Letter

Fill a small cloth bag with letter tiles, letter cards from a game, or letter magnets. When your family has a meal together, pull out one letter at a time and see how many things you can thank God for beginning with that letter.

### Prayer Requests

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### Answered Prayers

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It can be frustrating when God feels silent, like He's not listening. . . . God does open the best doors to the best places, but in His time.

—John Trent





# December

Grace



## Worship



1

**Psalm 40:3** When the angel tells Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus, she sings a beautiful song of praise. Choose your favorite praise song and adapt the words to tell God how happy you are today.

2

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6** Mary and Joseph worshiped God by being willing to do a very special job—being the parents of Jesus. Ask God to show you the special work He has created you to do.

3



**Psalm 91:11** Angels are mentioned several times in the story of Jesus' birth. Can you find them all? Thank God for your guardian angel, and tell your angels how special they are to you, too!

4

**Matthew 2:1, 2** The wise men worshiped God by following His guiding star all the way to Bethlehem. Ask God to help you follow Him carefully today.

5

**Matthew 2:11** The wise men worshiped Jesus by giving Him the best presents they had. What are some of the best things you can give to Jesus today to worship Him?

6

**Revelation 22:20** Anna and Simeon were old people who worked in the temple. They had been praying for Jesus to come for many years. Praise God that Jesus will come again very soon!

7

**2 Corinthians 9:15** Find a Nativity set or a picture of people worshiping Jesus as a baby. Imagine you are one of the people in the story, and think about the difference that worshiping Baby Jesus as the Messiah would make to the rest of your life. Praise God for the difference Jesus makes to your life today.

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**Jeremiah 7:23** Mary and Joseph weren't perfect people, but they were willing to trust God and obey Him even when it was hard. Ask God to help you obey Him even when it's difficult.

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**Luke 2:8-14** The angels told the shepherds not to be afraid because God wanted to give them the gift of peace. Ask God to give you peace about something that's troubling you.

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**Philippians 4:12** Some people may worry that they don't have enough money to buy presents for their children. Pray that the children will be happy with whatever the parents can afford.

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**Jeremiah 29:11** The angels told the shepherds that God cared for everyone and wanted the best for them. Thank God that He only wants the best for you and your family, too.

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**Luke 18:18-23** The wise men were very rich. It's not always easy for rich people to believe in God. Pray that a rich person you know, or have heard about, will come to love Jesus.

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**Mark 16:15** The story of Jesus' birth reminds us that He came for everyone. Pray for the missionaries who are telling the good news about Jesus to people who have never heard of Him.

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**John 8:12** Jesus is called the Light of the world. Make a collection or list of the different lights in your house. Talk about how each light can help you understand what it means to be the Light of the world. Ask God to help you be a light for Jesus where you are.

## Jesus—God's Best Gift Ever!





## community

**15** **Luke 1:39-45** Mary's cousin Elizabeth was also having a special baby, so they could encourage each other. Pray for your Christian relatives, and find a way to encourage each other.

**16** **Matthew 1:2** Jesus was also called Immanuel, which means "God living with us." Praise God that Jesus understands us because He lived on this earth just like us.

**17** **Deuteronomy 15:7, 11** Joseph and Mary were very poor. Pray for a family you know who don't have very much money. What could you share with them to make their lives easier?

**18** **John 3:16** The wise men studied the Jewish prophecies and believed in them, even though they had a different religion. Pray for the people of other faiths who are discovering Jesus.

**19** **Matthew 6:9, 10** Herod was a selfish and cruel king who wasn't willing to obey God. Pray that the leaders of your state and country will make the wise choices that God wants them to make.

**20** **Matthew 2:13, 14** Mary, Joseph, and Jesus had to go and live in Egypt for a while, so that Jesus would be safe. Pray for all the people who are living in foreign places for their own safety.

**21** **Hebrews 13:2** There was no space for Jesus to be born in the inn. How can you welcome a visitor or newcomer in your church? Ask your parents to invite someone new to your home, and pray that God will help you to make him or her feel comfortable and loved.

## Service

**22** **Philippians 2:14** Mary cheerfully and instantly obeyed God's request. Ask God to help you cheerfully and instantly obey your parents today.

**23** **Luke 2:6, 7** Jesus was born in a stable because his parents were away from home. Pray for the families who are homeless in your community. Maybe you could buy a gift for a homeless child?

**24** **Revelation 2:19** Pray for the people who will work on the Christmas holidays to look after other people or to take care of sick, lonely, or homeless people. Pray that God will bless them for their kindness.

**25** **Matthew 6:3** Jesus was God's gift of love to the world! He came as a big surprise to many people! Ask God how you can be an amazing gift of love to the people you know. Pray with your family about planning a love surprise for someone lonely or poor during the next week.

**26** **Psalms 97:11, 12** God sent Jesus as a special gift to make us happy. Ask God what can you do to make others happy today.

**27** **Exodus 20:12** Joseph and Mary worked hard to look after Jesus and keep Him safe. Thank God for the people who looked after you when you were a baby. Do something to look after them today!

**28** **Acts 1:8** The angels served God by telling the shepherds that God loved them and had sent Jesus to save them. Pray for everyone who is serving God by witnessing today.

**29** **1 Corinthians 10:31** At this time of year, many people find different ways to celebrate Jesus' birth. Ask God to help your family find a new way to celebrate His special gift this year.

**30** **Isaiah 9:6** Ask your parents to tell you again about the story of your birth and how they chose your name. Thank God for the special gift of your life.

**31** **Psalms 103:2** This is the end of another year. Thank God for all the good things that He has done for you and your family. Write them down so that you never forget God's goodness to you.



## Extras





## Christ Cards

People send lots of cards this time of year. Design a simple card with your family. Create a design that tells people about the special gift of Jesus and the good news of peace and joy He brings. You could make a card with a gift on the front and a tag saying "The best gift ever!" Then write "Jesus!" on the left side of the inside of the card. Or make a candle design because He is the Light of the world, or a star, angel, dove, and so on. Make the cards together as a family and pray for the people you'll send them to.



## Nativity Scene

Make your own picture of Jesus' birth by cutting pictures and people from old Christmas cards, or print pictures from the Internet. Or ask an adult to help you make a stable scene in a box placed on its side. As you cut out the different characters, think about how they worshiped Jesus and worship Him as you work.



## My Thoughts & Feelings

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### Star Light

Cut stars from white or yellow cardboard. Punch a hole in one point so that it can be hung. Write Bible promises on the stars and hang them from the ceiling in your bedroom. If you make them big enough, you can read them when you're in bed and memorize them!

### Prayer Requests

### Answered Prayers



Pray

Take every opportunity to pray with your heart by letting God know what's going on inside, heart to heart, while you are working with your hands or feet.



# What Can Prayer Do for You?

Find all of the words listed below vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward, and backward.



C	F	B	A	K	F	W	P	S	H	D	C	N	H
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G	G	P	T	R	G	I	Y	L	A	E	W	S	H
N	I	I	P	I	D	Z	U	M	F	X	U	S	U
E	V	H	C	O	N	F	E	S	S	R	P	E	A
R	E	S	Z	Q	N	U	E	S	T	B	R	C	F
T	O	R	G	J	M	O	A	I	E	C	A	R	G
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K	K	W	P	Q	L	A	I	E	L	G	S	T	P
N	J	E	S	U	S	E	B	N	S	Y	E	N	S
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Ask  
Believe  
Confess  
Continually  
Faith  
Forgive  
Grace  
Holy Spirit

Hope  
Intercession  
Jesus  
Listen  
Lord  
Obey  
Praise  
Pray

Silence  
Sin  
Strength  
Thanks  
Time with God  
Trust  
Worship



Unscramble



the words of this prayer

RTHAFE

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## The Lord's Prayer

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MENA

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EMAN

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Matthew 6:9–13



# We Together

**P**ray that God will bind us in close

**R**elationship with each other

**A**s we share our love and friendship with

**Y**ou and others who need to know the

**E**ternal, kind, and loving Jesus, who

**R**eaches down to save every one of us.

## AMEN!



## How Do You Come to God?

### A Clean Heart

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10, NKJV).

### A Forgiving Heart

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins" (Matthew 6:14, 15, NIV).

### A Loving Heart

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:16, 17, NIV).



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## Are You a Great Worrier?

- "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6, 7, NKJV).
- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13, NKJV).
- "For with God nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37, NKJV).

## Do You Ever Feel Afraid?

- "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10, NKJV).
- "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV).
- "Whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe" (Proverbs 29:25, NKJV).
- "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me" (Psalm 23:4, NKJV).

Answers to unscramble the words of this prayer

1. Father
2. Kingdom
3. Will
4. Daily bread
5. Deliver
6. Forgive our debtors
7. Temptation
8. Power
9. Glory
10. Name
11. Amen

Answers to word search puzzle





# 777

## Prayer Kids



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**Seven days** a week at **Seven o'clock** (morning or evening)  
 IN PRAYER FOR THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you  
**courage to share** Jesus with your friends.

Pray **for friends** who don't know Jesus.

Pray for children in **specific countries**  
 who need to know Jesus.

Pray **with a friend** at school.

Pray **for teachers** who do not know Jesus.

Pray for the Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims  
 who need to know **the love of Jesus**.

Be a **777** Prayer Kid!



**"Pray without ceasing."**  
 1 Thessalonians 5:17

# The ABCs of Prayer

**A**dore God  
**B**elieve God will answer  
**C**onfess your sins  
**D**elight in God's creation  
**E**xpress your joy daily  
**F**orgive others  
**G**ive thanks to God  
**H**umble before God  
**I**ntercede for others  
**J**ust be willing to follow God's will  
**K**eep on trusting God  
**L**ove God deeply  
**M**emorize God's promises  
**N**ever give up on God  
**O**pen your heart to the Holy Spirit  
**P**raise God for His blessings  
**Q**uietly listen to God's voice  
**R**epent of your sins  
**S**ing a happy song  
**T**rust in God's answers  
**U**nite with others in prayer  
**V**alue yourself as God's special creation  
**W**ait patiently for God's answer  
**X**-cited to speak with God  
**Y**es, God can change you  
**Z**ealously share God's love





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# Questions About Prayer

**Q:** *What is prayer for?*

**A:** The purpose of prayer is for us to get closer to God. When we tell God our worries, our concerns, that we are sorry for our sins, or thank Him for His help, God changes us. Just think: God is our Friend; God is our Father. So when we pray to Him, we are talking with Him like to our friends.

Psalm 17:6; John 16:24; Philippians 4:6.

**Q:** *When we are bad, can we still pray?*

**A:** Definitely! Yes! We can pray at any time and anywhere. When we do wrong things, we need to talk with God more than ever. We tell Him we are sorry and ask Him to forgive us. God can give us wisdom to make the right choice in doing good, and He can change us.

If we wait till we are good enough, we will never pray at all.

Psalm 51:1, 2; Luke 18:13, 14.

**Q:** *How can God be everywhere listening to my prayer?*

**A:** Remember that God is spirit, not just a physical person. God is all-powerful! That is, He can do anything. He can be in all places. He knows everything. God is always with us and He loves us and will listen to our prayers.

2 Chronicles 2:6; Job 42:2, 3; Psalm 139:2–8.

## **Q:** *How do we pray?*

**A:** People pray in many different ways. There is no set way to pray. We can talk to God using our own words. We don't have to follow a written prayer. You can pray aloud or pray silently because God knows our thoughts. You can pray sitting at your desk, at school, on the playground, at piano practice—simply anywhere. God is happy to hear us when we ask Him for help right when we need it.

But remember, when we pray, we are talking with the Creator of everything. We need to be very respectful toward God and not make funny remarks or jokes about prayer.

Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 6:9–13; Ephesians 6:18.

## **Q:** *Does God always give us what we pray for?*

**A:** God loves us and He will give us what is good for us. Sometimes we pray for things that will hurt us or hurt others, or we pray with a selfish motive, so God does not give us what we asked for. At other times, we may ask for things that are good, but it's not part of God's plan. Sometimes, God wants us to wait because He knows that it is better for us to wait. So God always answers our prayers. He may say:

**GO  
NO  
SLOW**

## **Q:** *When we pray for our loved ones not to die but they die, does it mean God doesn't love them?*

**A:** No, not at all. God loves everyone in the world. That is why He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us on the cross. Every person has to die because of sin, but God has promised us eternal life in heaven with Him if we accept Him. We commit our loved ones to God and believe that He will do what is best for them.



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## "PRAYER

is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him."

Ellen G. White, *Prayer*, p. 8.