

# Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary

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*During December we will be joining with the schools across the diocese as we pray together during advent. These prayers were provided by the Pray for Schools team, clergy, staff and pupils.*

## Sunday

Dear Lord,

Thank you for Advent, a time of preparing and a time of looking forward to Christmas. Help us as we get our schools, homes and churches ready for Christmas.

Help us to be ready to celebrate Christmas with the love, peace and joy that you give us. AMEN

## Monday

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for coming to earth as Jesus to show us how we should live. Help us this Christmas to be less selfish and to be more focused on the needs of others rather than on our own wants. AMEN

## Tuesday

Heavenly Father,

Help me to listen more than to talk this Christmas. Help me to listen to others and also to you.

Please give me the courage to do something special this Christmas that will touch the lives of others and bring some love into the world. Help me to choose joy and thankfulness over what I have and not moaning over what I didn't get. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Wednesday

*A Special Gift*

Thank you Father God for your son Jesus and the blessing that he is for me. Thank you for the Bible and all the stories in it that teach us more about your love for us.

At this Christmas time help me to love others as you have taught me to. AMEN

## Thursday

Pray for those impacted by the story of Christmas at church or school this year; may they experience God-with-us

## Friday

We pray for children for whom the holidays are difficult and especially for those who are hungry in this season of plenty

## Saturday

We pray for parishes encouraged by Christmas attendance, may they continue to find ways to share the Good News of Jesus

The Anglican Cycle of prayer can be accessed at <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx>

