

PRAY FOR AN AMAZING RELATIONSHIP: CELEBRATING GODPARENTS AND GODCHILDREN



Set aside four weeks to pray for your godparents/godchild - use one idea each day

Week One Being there	Week Two Part of the family	Week 3 Good choices	Week 4 Discovering faith
Listening: Sit quietly for a moment and pay attention to the sounds around you. Pray that you will listen well to special people in your life.	Time: Place a calendar and a clock in front of you and pray that in the business of life families will have time for each other and for God.	Generosity: Donate to a charity and email the link, praying that giving will become a way of life.	Local church: Make your hand into the shape of a circle and pray that the local church will be a place of welcome.
Playing: Take a moment to sit on a swing or hold a child's toy and give thanks for times of play.	Friendship: Make a friendship bracelet or tie a thread around your wrist and give thanks throughout the day for family friends over many years.	Kindness: Hook your forefingers together and pray that kindness will be shown to friend and stranger.	Bible: Look up Psalm 119:105 and ask God to help you discover more about the Bible each day.
Going out: Take a moment to look at a website for a local park, museum or attraction. Pray that time spent there will be good time.	Love: Find a heart shaped cookie cutter or other heart outline. Look at the space and pray that love will always be there.	Compassion: Watch or read the news headlines and choose an individual from one story to pray for today.	Big church: Find a picture of a cathedral or local famous church and pray for an opportunity to visit together.
Memories: Share a special memory with your godchild/parent and pray that you may be making a store of more memories together.	Special times: Find a card and think about all the times that are special like birthdays and Christmas. Pray for God's peace on those days.	Work: Give thanks for the opportunity to work and pray that your godchild/parent will have work they find fulfilling.	Worship: Think about all the different services taking place in your church. Pray that children and families will be able to share in worship.
Laughter: Pull faces in the mirror to make yourself laugh and ask God to bless those you love with joy.	Hard times: Find a tissue and slowly fold into a small square, praying that when life is hard God's comfort will be known.	Joy: Take a moment to look closely at a spider's web, a flower or listen to a birdsong and ask God to give joy in all situations.	Prayer: Place your hands together and slowly close your eyes, asking God to show you how to pray.
Caring: Place your arms across your body as in a hug and ask God to be close during sad or hard times.	Home: Place your fingertips together to make a roof shape and pray for all who make family in the home you are thinking of.	Loyalty: Read Philippians 1: 3- 6 and make it your prayer today.	Witness: Pray for opportunities to tell other people about the amazing journey of faith that you are sharing.
Beginning: Look up Psalm 139 vs 16 and pray that together you may know God's presence on the amazing journey of faith.	Big world: Think of a country in the world and remember the families who live there, praying that we may all value each other.	Honesty: Hold a coin in one hand and a mirror in the other and ask God to help make good choices in what we do and what we say.	Light: Light a candle and pray the words from the baptism "Shine as a light in the world" for your godchild/parent.

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USING THE AMAZING JOURNEY DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

This prayer calendar can be used by all ages. It gives 4 weeks worth of daily prayer ideas – simple creative ideas that encourage prayer. They could be done alone, in a family, or with a group of people together.



It may be copied and given out to people.

It could be used by the congregation as part of praying for the churches ministry to families, especially through christenings.

It could also be given to families attending a christening service, as well as the family of the child being baptised.

