

**Share Joy**

Share joy this Advent by doing something good every day for 24
days – and raise money for The Children’s Society.

You can do them in any order, just remember to tick them off as you complete each good deed!

Ask friends and family to sponsor
you or make a donation.

Overleaf there’s a special prayer to say together on Christmas Day.

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| Dress up as your favourite character from the Christmas story |
| Pray for children caring for their families over Christmas |
| Write a Christmas card for your postal worker |
| Talk to someone on Christmas Day who might be sad or lonely |
| Think of 3 things to thank God for |
| Send a card to your MP, asking them to promote the needs of children in their work |
| Imagine you’re someone in the Christmas story. What are they thinking? |
| Tell someone your favourite Christmas cracker joke |
| Put out some food for birds |
| Donate a toy to charity |
| Find out the difference between a refugee and a migrant |
| Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with someone |
| Do something you wouldn’t normally do, but Jesus would |
| Pray for children who are alone this Christmas |
| Surprise your mum or carer by tidying your room |
| Compliment three people today |
| Bake a Christingle cake or make your own Christingle |
| Write to someone telling them why you love them |
| Say something positive to everyone you speak to today |
| Make a no-churn Christmas ice-cream! For recipe ideas go to https://bit.ly/tcs-advent-ice |
| Pray for someone you think is having a difficult time |
| Give a small bunch of flowers to someone |
| Donate some food to a food bank |
| Write a Christmas card to your bin collector |



**Prayer for Christmas**

Lord Jesus, born in a stable,

Give courage to all who do not have a safe place to call home.

Lord Jesus, for whom the angels sang,

Give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.

Lord Jesus, worshipped by the shepherds,

Give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.

Lord Jesus, visited by both wise and meek,

Give wisdom and humility to all who govern.

Lord Jesus, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,

shine in our lives today,

give hope to all vulnerable children and young people

and bless the work of The Children’s Society in giving them a brighter future.

**Amen**

*Some sections of this prayer adapted from New Patterns for Worship.*