

**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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| Notice when you have been hard on yourself or others and be kind instead |
| 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 |
| Buy a gift for a child via The Children’s Society’s Give Joy website**givejoy.org.uk** |
| 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 |
| Tidy a shared space |
| 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**

Loving God,

As we hear again the songs of Christmas

resounding the glory of your praise,

we remember those who do not yet know the wonders

of your love.

We pray for children everywhere,

that they may know security and peace

and for those who live in unsafe places or lack the basic

necessities of life.

We pray too for those whose lives are fraught with worry.

We thank you for all professionals who work with children

and for the partnerships that exist with The Children’s Society

at this time.

We ask for a strengthening between different agencies,

so that more and more children would find the support and help they need.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Sophie Lelley, Bishop of Doncaster*