



ST MARY'S LINTON - THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

ADVENT CHALLENGE!

Can you complete 24 small acts of kindness in the days of December leading up to Christmas Day? Tick them off as you complete them (they can be done in any order). By Christmas Day the world around you will be just that little bit better! On Christmas Day read through The Children's Society prayer on the back of this sheet - put it somewhere in your home where everyone can see it.

Write a Christmas card to your local postal worker <input type="checkbox"/>	Take some food to a neighbour <input type="checkbox"/>	Give a small bunch of flowers to someone <input type="checkbox"/>	Give a friend a Bag For Life as a present <input type="checkbox"/>
Invite someone you know to one of the Christmas services <input type="checkbox"/>	Think about 3 things you are thankful to God for <input type="checkbox"/>	Pray for children who are alone this Christmas <input type="checkbox"/>	Do something you wouldn't normally do but Jesus would <input type="checkbox"/>



Put out some food for birds <input type="checkbox"/>	Send a card to your MP: for ideas on what to write visit bit.ly/TCSmessage <input type="checkbox"/>	Imagine you're a character from the Christmas story: what are they thinking? <input type="checkbox"/>	Write a Christmas card to your local bin collectors <input type="checkbox"/>
Talk to someone you've not spoken to for a long time <input type="checkbox"/>	Plant a tree with the landowner's permission <input type="checkbox"/>	Tidy a shared space <input type="checkbox"/>	Write a thank you note to someone <input type="checkbox"/>



Tell someone your favourite Christmas cracker joke <input type="checkbox"/>	Write a Christmas card to someone you've not sent one to before <input type="checkbox"/>	Put up some Christmas decorations in a shared space <input type="checkbox"/>	Think about when you last felt God's presence in your life <input type="checkbox"/>
Pray for someone who you think is having a difficult time <input type="checkbox"/>	Compliment three people today <input type="checkbox"/>	Donate some food to a foodbank <input type="checkbox"/>	Create a poster for your Church to celebrate 50 years of Christingle! <input type="checkbox"/>

A Christmas prayer for the work of The Children's Society

Lord Jesus,

King of kings, yet born in a stable,
vulnerable and helpless.

As we prepare to celebrate your birth
that very first Christmas,
we pray for children and young people
who feel scared, unloved and unable to
cope.

To those who feel afraid this Christmas:
bring your light and hope.

To those who feel unloved this Christmas:
bring your peace and joy.

To those who feel unable to cope this
Christmas:
bring your comfort and a listening ear.

Thank you for the work of The Children's
Society,
who listen to and support children and
young people

who have no one else to turn to.
Bless all their staff and volunteers,
because no child should feel alone,
especially at Christmas.

We make this prayer in your name,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Amen

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link: bit.ly/what-u-can-do