

## 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.

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

Say something nice to 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







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.

## Prayer for Christmas

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.



