

Advent Prayer Activities: To Us a Child is Born

Four Creative Prayer Activities from 24-7 Prayer

INCLUDING:

- Wonderful Counsellor
- Mighty God
- Everlasting Father
- Prince of Peace

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

Isaiah 9:6-7



Go to **page 7** for printable versions of prayer station instructions to use in your prayer room

PRAYER ACTIVITY GUIDE

Wonderful Counsellor

For the organiser

You will need:

- A Christmas tree (real, fake, or a drawing or painting: as long as you can hang things on the "branches", this activity will work)
- Plain Christmas baubles or ornaments (these can be plain plastic, or paper cutouts)
- Markers or felt-tip pens
- A basket, bowl or box to hold the baubles
- Lengths of ribbon, cut long enough to be tied around a wrist
- Optional: lights for your Christmas tree

How to set up:

- Set up your Christmas tree and place the ribbons below the tree
- Arrange the pens, container of decorations, and instructions close to the tree
- You may want to put a few baubles on the tree as examples

For the prayer station

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:5

Instructions:

1. Jesus is our wonderful counsellor. He promises to give wisdom to all who ask. Where do you need wisdom in your life?
2. Take a Christmas decoration and write down the situation you are asking for wisdom in. Eg "Conversation with E", "Exams"
3. Spend a few moments praying about the situation, asking for God's perspective
4. When you are ready, place the bauble on the tree, giving the situation to God
5. You might want to pray for the situations represented by the other baubles on the tree by placing a hand over one of them and adding your own "amen" to the prayer it represents
6. In exchange, take a piece of ribbon from below the tree. You might like to place it somewhere you'll see it (your Bible, keys, around your wrist) to remind you that God has promised to give you his wisdom this Christmas

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Mighty God

For the organiser

You will need:

- Large sheets of paper (to go on the wall) - ideally a dark colour
- Tape
- Pens
- Sheets of square white paper
- Several pairs of craft scissors
- Optional: paint for the paper background
- Optional: printed instructions for how to make a paper snowflake

How to set up:

- Note: This activity involves people cutting paper snowflakes and taping them onto the paper background on the wall. The background can be a solid colour to look like the sky, or you can paint a snowy scene for people to add their snowflakes to.
- Tape or tack your paper background to the wall
- Place paper, pens, tape, scissors and instructions together near the wall
- You may want to add a few paper snowflakes onto the paper background as examples

For the prayer station

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms...

Ephesians 1:18-20

Instructions:

1. We're coming to the end of this year and looking ahead to the new one. As we look forward, there are plenty of things we want to see change in the new year
2. Our Mighty God has incomparably great power for us who believe
3. Take a sheet of paper and write a prayer for a situation you want to see Mighty God change next year, for you, someone else, or in the world
4. Fold the sheet of paper up, and use the scissors to cut it into a snowflake
5. As you are folding and cutting, imagine what God's intervention into this situation might look like. How might he change things?
6. When you are ready, tape your snowflake up onto the paper sky
7. Each snowflake represents a prayer. As your time of non-stop prayer continues, look at how the prayer is building up

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Everlasting Father

For the organiser

You will need:

- A comfortable place to sit
- A soft blanket (or two!)
- Optional: a tent or canopy – something to make the seat feel more private and cosy
- Optional: string lights
- Optional: cushions

How to set up:

- Set up your seat with your cushions and string lights if you are using them
- Fold the blankets and put them next to the seat, along with the instructions

For the prayer station

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

1 John 3:1

Instructions:

- In Jesus, God is our Everlasting Father
- Sit in the chair and pull the blanket around your shoulders
- Imagine yourself wrapped in the love of God
- As you rest in this seat, ask the Holy Spirit to bring you a fresh experience of the Father's love

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Prince of Peace

For the organiser

You will need:

Supplies to make Christmas cards. These could include:

- Blank cards
- Coloured paper
- Craft scissors
- Glue
- Pens, markers and gel pens
- Glitter
- Patterned wrapping paper
- Stickers
- A Bible
- A desk or table and chair

How to set up:

- Arrange the desk or table with your Christmas card supplies, Bible, and instructions

For the prayer station

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Instructions:

- Jesus is the Prince of Peace
- Are there people in your community who are facing trouble, and who need peace this Christmas?
- Choose someone to pray for. As you pray for the peace of God to meet them, start to decorate a Christmas card
- You may want to add an encouraging prayer or Bible verse as the message in the card
- If it is appropriate, you can give this card to the person you've been praying for to encourage them this Christmastime

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Printable instructions

The following pages have been optimised to print out, so that can be printed and placed in your prayer room by each prayer station as instructions.

When printing this PDF, select just pages 7 – 10 and print in black & white at 100%, single sided.

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