

PRAY FIRST

DECEMBER 2015 PRAYER POINTS

Dec. 1 - As the Christmas holidays get into full swing, pray that we would not become burdened and distracted by the busyness of the season, but we would truly reflect, enjoy and be changed by what Jesus did for us in Bethlehem and at the Cross. (Luke 2:11)

Dec. 2 - Pray for us to be strengthened in gospel generosity as we continue in our BOLD initiative, giving because of all Christ has given us, sharing joyfully because of His love in us. (Luke 6:38)

Dec. 3 - Ask Jesus to help us remember and meditate on how GREAT God is, so we don't have to be in control. Pray we release control of those things that are controlling us. (Isa.40:8-31)

Dec. 4 - For Ladies Christmas Gathering this evening. Ask Jesus to make Himself known mightily through His Spirit, and ask for many women to come who need to experience Jesus for the first time or need to reconnect with Him in fresh and deep ways. (John 10:10)

Dec. 5 - Pray during this season, our hearts and minds not be so full of the clutter and clamor of this world that there is no room for Jesus. Pray we welcome Jesus into the mundane of our world! (Lk 2:7)

Dec. 6 - Pray as we celebrate Advent this Sunday, lighting the Candle of Peace, we remember God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Pray the Lord help us to be ready to welcome our Savior with full access to our hearts! (Luke 3:4-6)

Dec. 7 - Ask Jesus to remind us He needs nothing from us. He has it all! Pray we realize more fully what He desires most is to be with us: Immanuel... we are not alone; He is with us always. (Matt.1:23)

Dec. 8 - Pray we know today that our God is GLORIOUS, so we don't have to fear others. Ask Jesus to show us where we are making others or what they can give us ultimate things, helping us to release our hold on what holds us captive. (Prov.29:25)

Dec. 9 - Pray the Students of Crossbridge sense God's great love for them this holy season. Ask Jesus to reveal more of Himself to the students during this time that can be stressful for them. (Luke 1:76-79)

Dec. 10 - Pray we remember the favor God has granted us as His children by sending His Son as a ransom for us. Ask that many this season are reminded of His gracious favor and know in His mercy anew. (Luke 2:14)

Dec. 11 - Pray for the Carols and Hayride evening. Ask Jesus to fill our hearts with His joy and peace as we celebrate His love and His provision for us through the new church property. (Luke 2:14)

Dec. 12 - As we light the Advent Candle of Joy tomorrow, pray we are reminded of the great joy the angels had as they heralded our Savior's birth, and we are continuously filled with His joy as we seek His presence more than any other present. (Luke 2:7-15)

Dec. 13 - Pray for our Holly Jolly Sunday, asking our gracious Father to minister His abiding presence to every person who steps into our church, filling them with His joy & peace as we celebrate together. (Luke 2:20)

Dec. 14 - Ask Jesus to bring order to our holiday chaos, de-clutter our minds, and help us turn to Him in worship and prayer during this special time when we can reflect on His great gift to us. (Lk. 1:79)

Dec. 15 - Pray we learn to anticipate God's goodness, accepting the possibility of the impossible when we pray, bringing Him into every moment and waiting on Him with joy and peace. (Luke 1:36-37)

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Dec. 16 - Pray we are true worshipers of our Savior, not because everything is going well and we have all we want, but because He is King and Savior, who freely gave us all of Himself. (Matt.2:11)

Dec. 17 - Pray we will choose over and over to follow Jesus wherever He leads. Just as the Star in the East was a sign to follow Him then, the gospel is the light to our path today. (Matt.2:9)

Dec. 18 - Pray the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus to visitors, family and neighbors, and they receive Him with a child-like heart. (Jn.1:12)

Dec. 19 - Pray we receive God's gift with joy this season: freedom, right standing, forgiveness, and most of all, an intimate relationship with Him through His precious Son. (Luke 2:10-11)

Dec. 20 - As we the light the Advent Candle of Love, pray we remember why God sent His only Son: because He loves us! Ask that we are captured by His love today in renewing ways. (John 3:16)

Dec. 21 - Pray we see Jesus as the gentle Shepherd that leads in humility, not judging or shaming. Helping us hear His voice leading us in loving, wise, gentle ways. (Matt.2:6)

Dec. 22 - Ask Jesus that we know how GOOD our God is, so we don't have to look for satisfaction anywhere else. Pray we remember that God is not the shovel we use to dig up the good gifts He gives us, but He IS the treasure we most want and need! (Psl.16)

Dec. 23 - Pray that as we reflect on Jesus' extraordinary gift to us this season, we are moved to pour out our cares to Him, because He cares for us. May we allow Him to exchange our pressures for His peace. (Matt.2:11b)

Dec. 24 - As we celebrate the final Advent by the lighting of the Christ candle, pray we all join the angels in proclaiming the good tidings of great joy, and we see His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

Dec. 25 - Pray as we celebrate today, we humbly welcome Jesus into our families, homes, schedules, wallets and hearts as the shepherds welcomed Jesus 2000 years ago. (Luke 2:16)

Dec. 26 - As we wind down the holidays, pray we remember to rest fully in Him, giving Him all our frustrations, chaos, or holiday let-downs, resting in His complete care for our situation. (John 1:14a)

Dec. 27 - Ask Jesus for all of Crossbridge to be reminded daily that God is GRACIOUS. Pray we release our desires to Him, allowing Him room to fill us with His gifts of grace, mercy and freedom. (Psalm 86:15)

Dec. 28 - As we rest today with our families, focusing on Jesus in unique ways in our homes, pray we find His presence overwhelming and satisfying, bringing peace to our souls after the hectic holidays. (Luke 1:50)

Dec. 29 - In the New Year, ask we be open to God's work in our lives, flexible as He moves in and makes changes, and willing to rethink our plans when we sense Him leading us in another direction. (Luke 1:38)

Dec. 30 - Pray that as we look ahead to 2016, we look to Jesus to fulfill our deepest longings, meet our most secret needs, and mend the hurts from this past year. (II Tim.2:8)