

PRAY FIRST

DECEMBER 2016 PRAYER POINTS

Dec. 1 - As the Christmas holidays begin, pray we would not become burdened and distracted by the busyness of the season, but be changed by the mystery and joy of Bethlehem. (Luke 2:11)

Dec. 2 - For Ladies Christmas Gathering, ask Jesus to make Himself known mightily through His Spirit, and the women would experience Jesus for the first time or reconnect with Him in fresh and deep ways. (John 10:10)

Dec. 3 - Pray for our Holly Jolly Sunday tomorrow, asking our gracious Father to minister His abiding presence to every person who steps into our church, filling them with His joy & peace. (Luke 2:20)

Dec. 4 - Pray that we remember God kept his promise of a Savior born in Bethlehem, and welcome Him with full access to our hearts! (Luke 3:4-6)

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 for us to be strengthened in gospel generosity this season, giving because of all Christ came to give us, sharing joyfully this season in winsome and practical ways. (Luke 6:38)

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 our God is glorious, so we don't have to fear others. Ask Jesus to show us where we make others or their gifts ultimate things, releasing our hold on what holds us captive. (Prov. 29:25)

Dec. 9 - Pray all students sense God's great love for them this holy season as Jesus reveals more of Himself 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, asking many to be reminded of His grace and know in His mercy. (Luke 2:14)

Dec. 11 - Pray we are reminded of the joy of the angels heralding our Savior's birth, and we are filled with this joy as we seek His presence more than any other present. (Luke 2:7-15)

Dec. 12 - 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. 13 - Ask Jesus to fill our hearts with a new sense of His joy and peace as we celebrate His love and provision for us through His Son this season. (Luke 2:14)

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 anticipation. (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 we remember why God sent His Only Son: because He loves us! Pray we are captured by His love today in renewing ways. (John 3:16)

Dec. 19 - 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. 20 - 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. 21 - Pray we see Jesus as the gentle Shepherd that leads in humility, not judging or shaming. Help us hear His voice leading us in loving, wise, gentle ways. (Matt.2:6)

Dec. 22 - Pray we know how good our God is, so we don't look for satisfaction elsewhere, believing God is not the shovel to dig up His good gifts, but He IS the treasure we most want and need! (Psl.16)

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

Dec. 24 - As we celebrate Christmas Eve, pray we all join in proclaiming the good tidings of great joy, and we see His birth was for His death, His death for our birth! (John 1:29)

Dec. 25 - Pray as we celebrate Christmas today, we humbly welcome Jesus into our families, homes, schedules, wallets and hearts as the shepherds welcomed Jesus all those 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 - As we rest today with our families, worshipping Jesus in unique ways, pray we find His presence completely satisfying, bringing peace to our souls after the hectic holidays. (Luke 1:50)

Dec. 28 - Pray for those who are far from God to draw near and be open to life with Him as the center and the source of all they need. (John. 3:16)

Dec. 29 - Ask we be open to God's work in our lives this coming year, being flexible as He moves in and makes changes, and willing to rethink our plans when we sense Him leading us differently. (Luke 1:38)

Dec. 30 - Pray that as we look ahead to 2017, 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)