Tie Your Friends to Jesus!
Write the name of Jesus in big colorful letters on a sheet of cardboard. Punch a row of holes under the name. Write the names of the people you are praying for on swing tags or gift tags. Tie the tags to the name card through the punched holes. Keep praying that your friends will come to know Jesus as their friend too.

Hearty Prayer
Cut out a large heart. Think of a person you’d like to share Jesus with and write their name in the center of the heart. Then write a prayer for them, asking God to help you as you witness to them. Start at the edge of the heart and write the prayer in a heart-shaped spiral towards their name.

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**Light of the World Lantern**
In Matthew 5:14-16 Jesus describes us as the light of the world. Make a lantern using an old, clean jar. Use a permanent pen to write on the jar some of the things you would like to do to show God’s love to the world. Or use your computer to print some words onto tracing paper and wrap the tracing paper around the jar. Pour some salt into the bottom of the jar, to remind you that you are also the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13). Place a battery-operated tea-light inside the jar to remind you to let God’s love shine through your life to win others for Jesus. Light the lantern whenever you pray for the people you want to share Jesus with.

**Answered Prayers**

Prayer Requests

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Jesus called us friends, and friends talk to each other anytime about anything.
Psalm 127:1 - Praise God that He has given you a home to live in with your family! Thank Him for the place where you live.

Daniel 1:17 - Praise God that you live in a place where you can learn important things like how to read! Do something special to thank your teacher or home-schooling parent.

Micah 6:8 - Find out about a local person who was famous or honored for doing good. Thank God for the difference they made to your community.

Psalm 65:9-13 - Praise God for the most beautiful place in your community – a garden, park, forest, hillside, river, desert, or even a flower in a pot.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 - Praise God that He created people to live together so that they could help and support each other.

Ephesians 4:11-16 - Thank God for your church community and your pastor. Pray that he or she will be inspired to help people love and worship God more and more.

James 1:17 - Make a list of ten things you enjoy about your town or community and thank God for each thing on your list – they are all gifts from Him!

Ephesians 6:18 - Pray for all the Christians worshipping in the different churches in your area today. Thank God for the good things they do to care for the people in your town.

2 Timothy 2:15 - If someone in your family works, pray that they will be a loving and honest witness for God in their workplace. Pray for all the Christian workers in your town.

Psalm 23:4 - Thank God for all the places in your community where people can be helped when they are sick, ill or disabled. Pray that they will be happy and comfortable today.

John 17:20-23 - Pray that God will help you to do one thing to show His love to someone in your community today. Even a sunny smile and a kind word can make a big difference!

Hebrews 13:3 - Pray that the people who are in prison in your town will be sorry for what they have done. Pray they will learn about God’s forgiveness and how to live a better life.

Galatians 3:28 - Pray that the people who live in your town will warmly welcome the new families who have moved in, especially those from different cultures.

Luke 8:39 - Walk around your neighborhood with your family praying that the people in each home will come to know how much Jesus loves them.
1 Timothy 2:1-2 - Pray that the leaders in your community will make wise and careful decisions that will make your town a better place to live.

Philippians 4:6 - Pray that the people in your community who don’t have jobs will soon find work so they can pay for the things their family needs.

Colossians 3:23 - Pray for the people who volunteer to make your community a better or happier place. Find out what some of the volunteers do in your nearest town.

Psalm 71:3 - Pray for the lonely people in your community. Pray that they will learn about God’s love and find someone else to care for so that they won’t feel so alone.

2 Samuel 22:24 - Pray that God will keep the people safe who live in the dangerous parts of your community, or in the dangerous places in the world.

1 Corinthians 16:14 - Pray that your church will be a place where everyone feels loved. What can you do to help one person feel especially loved in your church this week?

1 Corinthians 12:4-12 - God has given each person in your church a special gift to help everyone grow closer to God and feel loved. Pray that everyone will know how to use their gifts to help each other. Ask God to show you what your special gift is, and how you can use it to help others, too.

Proverbs 22:9 - Pray for one of your church’s projects that shows people God’s love, such as feeding the homeless. What can you do to help?

James 1:27 - Pray for a ministry or project that helps the poor children in your community by feeding them, clothing them, teaching them or finding them loving homes.

Genesis 2:15 - Pray for the people in your community who keep your streets and parks clean, tidy and beautiful. Can you help to make somewhere more beautiful?

Mark 12:30-31 - Pray that God will inspire your family to do something kind and loving for a needy person in your neighborhood. Maybe you could offer to rake their fall leaves?

Daniel 3:27 - Pray that the firemen in your community will be safe as they work to rescue people in danger today. Maybe you could bake them a ‘thank you’ treat?

2 Corinthians 9:6 - We can serve other people by giving money to help their good work. Pray about your money and who you could share some with to help care for others.

Acts 9:38-42 - Pray with your family about starting a small missionary service project that you can all help with. What do you like doing? What are you all good at? And what special work can you do together to care for others? Even simple things can make a big difference!

Proverbs 28:13 - Pray for the people who may be planning to do bad things in your community today. Pray that God will help them to be kind and to do what is right.

Matthew 11:28-30 - Pray for the people in your community who are very tired and worried today. Pray that they will give their worries to God and find peace again.

Revelation 21:1-4 - Thank God that one day we will live in the best community ever, in heaven! Praise Him for planning such a wonderful place for us to live forever.
Town Praise
Write the name of your town, one letter to a line, down the left side of a piece of paper. Write a psalm of praise, thanks and requests for your town with each line of your psalm beginning with one of the letters in your town’s name.

Project Prayer
Find out about a community project in your area that helps people. Visit the project and learn about how it works and what it does. Ask what their greatest needs are and pray for them. Perhaps you can think of something practical you can do to support the project, too.

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Newspaper Prayer

Buy a local newspaper and look through the news reports. Cut out a story that you find interesting and stick it onto a piece of plain paper. Write a prayer about the needs of the people in the story.

Prayer Requests

Answered Prayers

Praying Your Way Through Your Day
**November**

**Worship**

1. **2 Corinthians 9:8** - Praise God that He has given you so many gifts that keep you happy, loved and alive!

2. **John 14:1-3** - Praise God that He’s not just taking care of you today, but He’s also planning a wonderful future for you! He’s making a special home for you in heaven!

3. **Romans 8:38-39** - Praise God that we can always trust Him to take care of us, and nothing can separate us from His love.

4. **Matthew 6:31-32** - Thank God that He knows just what you need, even before you know you need it! Look out for the ways He is meeting your needs today.

5. **2 Corinthians 9:11** - Praise God that He is generous to us! He has given us so much so that we can share His good gifts with others. What is He giving you to share today?

6. **Proverbs 24:3-4** - Walk through your house, thanking God for everything that makes your home a special place to be.

7. **Psalm 100:4** - Invite each person in your family to find five things that represent what they’re most thankful to God for, and put them on the table. Talk about your choices and take turns to say a prayer of thanks for them.

8. **Psalm 46:1** - Thank God for something special He has done to help your family just when you needed it. Is there something important you need to ask Him for today?

9. **Ecclesiastes 3:11** - Thank God for something difficult that’s happening in your family. It may be hard now, but God is working to turn it into something good and beautiful, eventually.

10. **Psalm 103:10-11** - Thank God for something special He has done for you that you felt you didn’t deserve. He did it just because He loves you so much!

11. **Ephesians 1:9** - Thank God that you have grown up in a place where you could learn about His love for you. Do you know someone who still doesn’t know that God loves them?

12. **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17** - Thank God that He loved us enough to send Jesus to die for our sins so we can be forgiven! That’s what grace is all about!

13. **Philippians 4:19** - Thank God for providing for all of your needs this week: air, water, food, clothes, shelter, love and forgiveness, etc.

14. **Philippians 1:3-4** - Thank God for the different ways love is shown in your family. Every time you see someone doing something loving and kind in your family, write it down in a ‘love-spy’ notebook. At the end of the day show your family what you’ve noticed and thank them for their love.

**God gives us everything we need!**
**Community Service**

**Psalm 126:6** - Pray for the farmers in your area. Praise God if they’ve had good harvests and ask God to help them if the harvest has been poor this year.

**Proverbs 8:10-11** - Thank God that you can learn how to read and write. Pray for your teachers and for the children who have no schools to go to.

**Colossians 3:23** - Pray for the people who work in the stores in your town. Say something kind to a store-worker next time you go shopping with your parents.

**Proverbs 28:19** - Pray for the mission workers around the world who are teaching local people how to be good farmers and grow food for themselves.

**Acts 2:44-47** - Thank God for the new people who are coming to your church to learn about Jesus. What can you do to welcome them?

**Mark 10:13-16** - Thank God for all the children in your church! It’s great to have friends who love Jesus, too! If you’re the only child, pray that more children will come to your church.

**Psalm 92:12-14** - Thank God for the older people in your church who helped to start your church, or who have supported it for a very long time. Do something special to thank them today.

**Psalm 103:2** - Think of three new things to thank God for that you’ve never thanked Him for before!

**Genesis 9:12-16** - Thank God in a colorful way! Put some colored things, like buttons or crayons, in a cloth bag. Pull out one item and thank God for something that’s the same color.
**Thank You Placemats**
Create a new thanksgiving prayer for your family to say before meals. Make placemats by writing your prayer on sheets of cardstock. Decorate the placemat prayers with stickers, pictures and drawings. Protect your designs with clear adhesive film. Use them for a special meal this month.

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**Thank You Rainbow**
Make a rainbow collage, or a booklet, out of different colored papers. Stick pictures of the things you want to thank God for on the different papers, matching the main color of the object to the color of the paper. See how many different-colored things you can find to thank God for.
Thank You Letter

Fill a small cloth bag with letter tiles, letter cards from a game, or letter magnets. When you have a meal together, pull out one letter at a time and see how many things you can thank God for beginning with that letter.

Prayer Requests

Answered Prayers

It can be frustrating when God feels silent, like he’s not listening. God does open the best doors to the best places, but in His time.

Psalm 40:3 - When the angel tells Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus she sings a beautiful song of praise. Choose your favorite praise song and adapt the words to tell God how happy you are today.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 - Mary and Joseph worshipped God by being willing to do a very special job – being the parents of Jesus. Ask God to show you the special work He has created you to do.

Psalm 91:11 - Angels are mentioned several times in the story of Jesus’ birth. Can you find them all? Thank God for your guardian angel and tell your angels how special they are to you, too!

Matthew 2:1-2 - The wise men worshipped God by following His guiding star all the way to Bethlehem. Ask God to help you follow Him carefully today.

Matthew 2:11 - The wise men worshipped Jesus by giving Him the best presents they had. What are some of the best things you can give to Jesus today to worship Him?

Revelation 22:20 - Anna and Simeon were old people who worked in the temple. They had been praying for Jesus to come for many years. Praise God that Jesus will come again very soon!

2 Corinthians 9:15 - Find a nativity set or a picture of people worshipping Jesus as a baby. Imagine you are one of the people in the story and think about the difference that worshipping baby Jesus as the Messiah would make to the rest of your life. Praise God for the difference Jesus makes to your life today.

Jeremiah 7:23 - Mary and Joseph weren’t perfect people, but they were willing to trust God and obey Him even when it was hard. Ask God to help you obey Him even when it’s difficult.

Luke 2:8-14 - The angels told the shepherds not to be afraid because God wanted to give them the gift of peace. Ask God to give you peace about something that’s troubling you.

Philippians 4:12 - Some people may worry that they don’t have enough money to buy presents for their children. Pray that the children will be happy with whatever the parents can afford.

Jeremiah 29:11 - The angels told the shepherds that God cared for everyone and wanted the best for them. Thank God that He only wants the best for you and your family, too.

Luke 18:18-23 - The wise men were very rich. It’s not always easy for rich people to believe in God. Pray that a rich person you know, or have heard about, will come to love Jesus.

Mark 16:15 - The story of Jesus’ birth reminds us that He came for everyone. Pray for the missionaries who are telling the good news about Jesus to people who have never heard of Him.

John 8:12 - Jesus is called the Light of the World. Make a collection or list of the different lights in your house. Talk about how each light can help you understand what it means to be the Light of the World. Ask God to help you be a light for Jesus where you are.

Jesus — God’s best gift ever!
Philippians 2:14 - Mary cheerfully and instantly obeyed God’s request. Ask God to help you cheerfully and instantly obey your parents today.

Luke 2:6-7 - Jesus was born in a stable because his parents were homeless. Pray for the families who are homeless in your community. Maybe you could buy a gift for a homeless child?

Psalm 97:11-12 - God sent Jesus as a special gift to make us happy. Ask God what can you do to make others happy today.

Acts 1:8 - The angels served God by telling the shepherds that God loved them and had sent Jesus to save them. Pray for everyone who is serving God by witnessing today.

Revelation 2:19 - Pray for the people who will work on Christmas holidays to look after other people, or to take care of sick, lonely or homeless people. Pray that God will bless them for their kindness.

Matthew 6:3 - Jesus was God’s gift of love to the world! He came as a big surprise to many people! Ask God how you can be an amazing gift of love to the people you know. Pray with your family about planning a love-surprise for someone lonely or poor during the next week.

Luke 1:39-45 - Mary’s cousin Elizabeth was also having a special baby, so they could encourage each other. Pray for your Christian relatives and find a way to encourage each other.

Matthew 1:2 - Jesus was also called Immanuel, which means ‘God living with us’. Praise God that Jesus understands us because He lived on this earth just like us.

Deuteronomy 15:7,11 - Joseph and Mary were very poor. Pray for a family you know who don’t have very much money. What could you share with them to make their life easier?

John 3:16 - The wise men studied the Jewish prophecies and believed in them, even though they had a different religion. Pray for the people of other faiths who are discovering Jesus.

Matthew 6:9-10 - Herod was a selfish and cruel king who wasn’t willing to obey God. Pray that the leaders of your state and country will make the wise choices that God wants them to make.

Matthew 2:13-14 - Mary, Joseph and Jesus had to go and live in Egypt for a while, so that Jesus would be safe. Pray for all the people who are living in foreign places for their own safety.

Hebrews 13:2 - There was no space for Jesus to be born in the inn. How can you welcome a visitor or newcomer in your church today? Ask your parents to invite someone new to your home and pray that God will help you to make them feel comfortable and loved.

1 Corinthians 10:31 - At this time of year many people find different ways to celebrate Jesus’ birth. Ask God to help your family find a new way to celebrate His special gift this year.

Isaiah 9:6 - Ask your parents to tell you again about the story of your birth and how they chose your name. Thank God for the special gift of your life.

Psalm 103:2 - This is the end of another year. Thank God for all the good things that He has done for you and your family. Write them down so that you never forget God’s goodness to you.
Nativity Scene

Make your own picture of Jesus’ birth by cutting pictures and people from old Christmas cards, or print pictures from the Internet. Or ask an adult to help you make a stable scene in a box placed on its side. As you cut out the different characters think about how they worshipped Jesus and worship Him as you work.

Christ Cards

People send lots of cards at this time of year. Design a simple card with your family. Create a design that tells people about the special gift of Jesus and the good news of peace and joy He brings. Perhaps you could make a card with a gift on the front and a tag saying ‘The best gift ever!’ Then write ‘Jesus!’ on the left side of the inside of the card. Or make a candle design because He is the light of the world, or a star, angel, dove, etc. Make the cards together as a family and pray for the people you’ll send them to.

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**Star Light**

Cut stars from white, or yellow cardboard. Punch a hole in one point so that it can be hung. Write Bible promises on the stars and hang them from the ceiling in your bedroom. If you make them big enough you can read them when you’re in bed and memorize them!

**Prayer Requests**

Take every opportunity to pray with your heart by letting God know what’s going on inside, heart to heart, while you are working with your hands or feet.

**Answered Prayers**
How do you come to God?

**A Clean Heart**
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me (Psalm 51:10).

**A Forgiving Heart**
If you forgive those who sin against you, your Heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins (Matthew 6:1-1).

**A Loving Heart**
For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son to the world to condemn it, but to save it (John 3:16-17).

Do You Ever Get Afraid?

- Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10).
- God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).
- Whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe (Proverbs 29:25).
- Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me (Psalm 23:4).

Are You A Great Worrier?

- Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).
- For with God nothing will be impossible (Luke 1:37).

“Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him.”


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