

Advent Prayer Book



St. Benet Biscop Catholic Academy

A collection of prayers written by the whole school
community



Hope

7B

Dear Lord,

We pray for those in need and less fortunate, we are hopeful that they might have a better life.

We hope that the elderly in the community will have someone to spend their Christmas with.

We hope that the children this Christmas feel the love of family and friends with the receiving of presents.

We pray for those in conflict to have hope of a peaceful Christmas period.

Amen.



71

Dear Lord,

We pray for Hope for the future, for those who need to pass through difficult times.

Lord give Hope to those in need; those who are lonely, those who are sick and those who are suffering.

We pray for a community where Hope is spread by all.

Amen.

7S

Dear Lord,

We pray that in the new year there will be peace in the World.

We hope that Christmas time is filled with love.

We hope that everyone is able to join in with Christmas festivities, and that we all feel valued by receiving gifts, whether those gifts are physical or just the presence of others.

Amen.

7H

Dear God,

Please pray for those who will spend Christmas alone this year, and that they have hope for the near future.

Let everyone on your beautiful earth have the opportunity to live their life to the full and enjoy every moment of it.

Help us bring love and comfort to others, and spread hope and joy to all, so everyone knows that they will always be loved.

Amen.



7C

Dear Lord Jesus,

As we begin this first week of advent, we pray to you for hope.

Hope for those less fortunate than ourselves,

Hope for those facing increased financial burdens,

Hope for the homeless,

Hope for those who are alone at Christmas and who feel the need for companionship,

Hope for those who are the victims of war and violence, especially those in Gaza and Israel,

Hope for the sick and suffering.

During this advent it can be too easy for us to get swallowed up in our own excitement and thoughts for ourselves and forget that the true meaning of Christmas is to put others first – as you would, Jesus.

Help us be more like you, and bring hope to those who have none.

Amen.



70

Dear Lord,

We pray for the world in these difficult times, like climate change, war and the cost of living crisis.

We pray that those who are suffering will have hope.

Please give us hope this Christmas.

Amen.

7P

Dear Lord,

Give hope to those who do not have the opportunity to enjoy Christmas,

We are thinking of those at this special time.

Give them guidance to find joy and happiness.

We hope to spread love and greatness to all.

Amen.



7T

Dear God,

Please grant everyone within our school and the wider community, the gift of hope. Please provide us with hope to help everyone get through difficult and challenging times.

We hope that everyone is well and happy throughout Christmas time especially. We all hope to help spread the gospel within time for Jesus' birth, and we hope to share it more after Christmas day.

Amen.

8B

Dear Lord,

As we advance into Christmas season, may the theme of hope guide us and remind us what the true celebration of Christmas is, not receiving presents, but the birth of Jesus.

May we hope this year and have celebrations filled with joy, love and happiness.

Amen.

8I

Lord,

We live in hope for healing of the sick,

Hope for those living in conflict,

Hope for those less fortunate and those who are vulnerable,

We Hope that they live in Peace.

Amen.

8S

Dear lord,

We pray for those who can't be with their families right now,

we pray for anyone that the pandemic has affected,

we pray for our friends and family,

we pray that Christmas this year will bring hope and joy to all, even during these difficult times.

Amen.

8H

Dear Lord,
We pray that
you can guide
us on the
right path
during our
time here on
Earth.

Please fill us
with hope
and joy,
especially
those who
are dealing
with bad
situations.



We hope everyone feels loved and healthy during the run up to Christmas.

Lord, spread your happiness and hope for a good Christmas for all.
Amen.

8C

Dear Lord,

Please let Mary, Mother of Jesus fill us with hope this advent and help us remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Give us hope to inspire us to help those who are alone and who are worried about money this advent.

Give us strength to love and care for everyone, filling us with your love and compassion.

Thank you for being there for us in our times of need, giving us strength to carry on.

Amen.

80

Lord,

Hope is something we need everyday. Please fill us with your hope and help us give it to those who need it most.

Give us hope and help us solve the problems in the world; hunger, poverty, conflict and anything that causes people pain.

Nothing is perfect, but give us hope.

Amen.

8P

Dear Lord,

In sad times of war, we hope that warfare ceases so everyone can spend time with their family and friends.

We hope everyone can celebrate Christmas and every child is given a gift. We hope that snow falls on Christmas Day and all homeless people are sheltered in a warm place to stay.

We hope everyone, everywhere, lives in kindness.

Amen

8T

Dear Lord,

We pray for Hope.

We pray that those vulnerable in our society feel safe and protected especially children, not just during the festive season but throughout the year.

We pray that you can give Hope to those suffering in wars and conflicts, particularly those who have had to flee their homes and loved ones and are experiencing Christmas away from home for the first time. Please give them hope for a brighter, happier future in peace.

We pray for the elderly and lonely at this time, please give them hope for a warm and safe winter ahead. We hope that those who are ill find hope in your love and protection.

Amen.

Peace

9B

Lord,

we pray for peace across the globe this Christmas. Comfort those who are suffering or lonely at this time. Help us to treat everyone we meet with kindness and love as we venture into the new year.

Amen.

9I

Dear God,

We pray for peace this Christmas and that everybody gets to have a happy Christmas. We also pray for peace in Gaza and Israel, and hope everybody gets the Christmas they deserve.

Amen.



9S

Dear God

We pray that you can provide us peace and hope through these hard times,

We hope everyone has a warm place to stay this Christmas,

We hope to spread love through our community,

Amen.

9H

Dear Lord,

In these uncertain times, we pray for peace;

We pray for safety for all, hoping all families are provided for.

We acknowledge such times are tough and worrying,

But we hope as a community we can pull together to support those in need.

Whilst we know we have a SBB's family, we understand not everyone in the world may have another to support them,

We pray that those who may feel alone are comforted by the peace and love of Christ.

Amen.

9C

Dear lord,

We pray for your guidance through challenging times and to guide us to peace. We pray you guide others out of the storms and struggles of their lives and reward them with peace.

Amen.

9O

Dear Lord,

We pray for everyone in need and pray for peace for all those who need it. This Christmas we pray that everyone feels your love and has hope for the future.

Amen.

9P

Dear Lord,

During this time of uncertainty where we find ourselves worried, anxious, and afraid, bless us with peace and strength over our souls. Bring peace to our lives so that we can be a beacon of light for others who may also be suffering in the dark.

Amen.

**9T**

God our Father,

Lover of all nations, we pray for peace throughout the world, especially in war torn countries where children are feeling afraid, unsafe and vulnerable. We especially think of the terrible war in Gaza. Please give their leaders peace in their hearts and guide them to find a peaceful end to the awful things that are happening there. We pray for peace in our own hearts and in our homes and in the homes of our neighbours and friends over Christmas.

Amen.

Joy

10B

Dear Lord,

We pray for those, during this season, who face loneliness and isolation. God please help them find the light in the darkest of times. We ask that we may use this time to remember the bright, shining star that led the three wise men to the inn. Lord please be our star and guide us throughout our journey of life and throughout the course of this festive period.

Amen.



10I

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the happiness we already have in our lives. We pray that you can provide us with joy - joy to help us get through the difficult times in our lives, joy to help us get through our time at school, joy for people who find themselves alone this Christmas. We ask these things in your name.

Amen.

10S

Loving Father,
We pray that you bring us joy
and give us the ability to share joy with others.
Nearing this time of advent,
Help us to think of those less fortunate.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

10H

Dear Lord,
We thank you for the joy that is brought through the warmth of our
homes this winter, and the warmth we feel knowing that we are part
of a loving, joyful community.
Amen.

10C

Dear Lord,
We pray as a school community we can come together and spread
joy this week in advent.
During these difficult times, regardless of our circumstances, may we
find joy and be surrounded by those we love this Christmas time.
Please let us find joy in the little everyday things, our friendships and
our families. Give us the opportunity to spread joy to whoever is in
need.
Amen.

10O

Dear God,
We pray for our families to have happiness at this time of year. We
pray that you help families and connect them with others. Please
help us to have a long, bright and joyful life. We pray for peace to
end all wars and to protect us. Please bring joy to us, and to give joy
to others.
Amen.

10P

Dear Lord,

We pray that you provide comfort and joy for those who are alone and vulnerable at Christmas time. Guide them with your love and support to experience happiness.

May they feel love and warmth.

Fill them with joy in their hearts and peace in their soul. Bless them with contentment, so they may know what it feels like to be loved.

Amen.

**10T**

Dear Lord,

Help us to spread Joy around the world over the Christmas Season, through the celebration of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ.

Give Joy in the form of warmth, food and family to those who are most in need, and company to those who are lonely.

Let us spread Joy to those who have lost loved ones through the gift of support and caring words.

We pray that all can find Joy, especially those who are suffering from recent conflicts and also to those struggling closer to home.

We hope everyone finds Joy in the Peace of Christ.

Amen.

11B

Dear Lord,

This Christmas time let us all feel and spread your joy

Help the sad feel comfort,

Help the lonely feel loved,

Help the worried find peace,

Let us bring compassion and happiness to all we encounter

Please Lord, help us to be a unified and happy community so that this winter we are warmed by love and joy.

Amen.



11I

Dear Lord,

We pray that you can provide us with joy,

Joy to help everyone to find happiness even in difficult times.

We pray that all of the people in our school community are able to experience joy every day.

Lord, help us to share our joy with those around us, and to keep the spirit of Christmas in our hearts all year round.

We pray that our hearts will be full of peace and that we will be patient with one another.

Amen.

11S

Dear God,

I hope that you provide us with joy, and that everybody can experience a bit of joy this Christmas as everybody deserves it. We hope to spread joy, happiness and love for a great future for all. Please help everybody in need as the circumstances are hard this winter and cherish the joyous times.

Amen.

11H

Heavenly father, I pray that you fill me with the joy of the Lord, that overwhelming joy. Your joy is unlike anything this world has to offer. I pray that you bless me with true happiness and peace in life. Lead me away from hate and anger, and towards love. Allow me the inner strength to seek joy in my daily life, even when my day is tough and to spread joy to others.

Amen.



11C

Dear Lord,

Thanks for the joy you bring to our lives and to others.

We pray for those who don't have joy at this time of year.

We hope to spread joy through our community this Christmas time.

Amen.

11O

Dear Lord,

Our class has grown into a community,

Our strength overcoming adversity,

Showing our maturity,

Joy is felt in here.

Our families, our friends and our dogs,

The festive food of Hog,

The joyous taste of chocolate log,

Joy is tasted here.

Our passions and musicality,

Our culture and our humility,

Looking out for our humanity,

Joy is found here.

Our Joy is found in giving,

At Christmas we will all be singing,

Seize all opportunities whilst we are living,

Joy is heard here.

Our form has a place here,

Our school has a place here,

Our community has a place here,

Joy is grown here.

Amen.

11P

Dear Lord,

We hope to bring joy to our family and friends this Christmas,
To those that do not spend Christmas with their loved ones, let them
be in our thoughts and prayers.

To those in conflict around the world, let this be a time of peace.

To those who are suffering, let them seek joy.

Amen

11T

Dear Lord,

We thank you today for the Joy you have given us.

We thank you that even when times are hard and full of challenges,
we can still find Joy and happiness with our friends and families and
also in You.

We ask you now that you will bring Joy to those who are lost in
darkness,

we pray that they will be uplifted in your care

to find strength from your love to be Joyful at this time.

We pray these things in your name, Lord.

Amen.



Love

12B

Dear God,
We all pray that everyone can experience love, especially at Christmas time. Love provides support in times of need and allows us to come together as a community. We hope to spread love and greatness especially at this time of year, when loneliness is in abundance.
Amen.

12I

Dear God,
We thank you for the gift of love and for the many people who we love and have loved us in return. We thank you too for your everlasting and unconditional love.

We pray that all the people in the world who feel without love can share your love and understand their worth. We ask for your help in reminding us that the most important things are not what we do outwardly, it's not based on any talent or gift, but the most significant thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others.

Amen.



12S

Dear Lord of love and life,
You gave me strength and gave me hope for a lifetime. We are only what you made us and we appreciate everything that you have given us. We pray to put God first and to allow other things to cloud our vision, we pray to embody love and reciprocate it to others.
Amen.

12C

Dear Lord,
Jesus taught us to love our neighbour, including those who are different from ourselves. Help us to remember that we are all made in your image and worthy of love, both from you and from each other. Guide us as we look for ways to share your love with those around us. May our love for one another kindle flames of joy and hope.
Amen.

13B

Lord God,
This advent, help us to realise the gift of love that you gave to us through Jesus.
In remembering that he came into the world as a vulnerable little baby, help us too to love one another with humility and to place our trust in God; that he has a plan for each of our lives as we take the next important step on our respective life journeys.
At this festive time, we remember those who do not have family and friends to celebrate with and ask that you show us opportunities to love to others as we wait in anticipation for Christmas.
We pray lord, that love would overflow from us so that we might be a blessing to others.
Amen.

13S

Dear Lord,

We pray this Christmas that we are surrounded by love from our families and our friends.

We hope that the true meaning of Christmas shines through so that we can spend lots of quality time with our loved ones.

We pray that love can be shown this Christmas in our communities, and that those who are more fortunate can do their bit to support those who are less well off.

And we hope and pray that love will outshine evil on a global level, and that 2024 will be a time of new beginnings where peace and love prevail.

Amen.



13C

Dear God,

You have granted us the gift of love. You have taught us how to show compassion. I thank you for this as it enhances our appreciation of those around us. Help us to keep love our goal.

Amen.

