

Prayers

Can be used at your Christmas meal or Christmas family devotion time.

Our Father in Heaven:

(Gold) At this time of year, we celebrate the good news that is for all the people.¹ For You sent Christ, the Lord.² He is Immanuel-God with us.³ He is the Son of the Most High⁴ and was sent to save us from our sins.⁵

(Dark/Red) We praise you because while we were still sinners, you sent Christ to die for us.⁶ He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.⁷

(Red/Clean) Thank you that, even though we were enemies of You, You reconciled us to Yourself through the death of Your Son⁸ and that through faith in His payment for sin, we might enter into Your family.

(Green) Thank you for the gift of family and of friends that you have blessed us with, as well as the food that you have bountifully provided for us. May we spend the day rejoicing first in the gift of your Son, and also in the other gifts You have so graciously given us.

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns!⁹

In Jesus' precious name we pray, amen.

Idea: *Have copies of your prayer on nice paper to give out at your family meal in case anyone wants to take it home.*

Think of ways that you can personalize the prayer for your family (specific praises, Bible verses, or thanksgiving).

¹ Luke 2:10

² Luke 2:11

³ Matthew 1:23

⁴ Luke 1:32

⁵ Matthew 1:21

⁶ Romans 5:8

⁷ Isaiah 53:5

⁸ Romans 5:10

⁹ Revelation 19:6

Family Blessing Prayers

Write prayers for each family member.

Idea: *Write/type each family member's' prayer and then glue it on scrapbooking paper and decorate so that each family member can keep the prayer you have written for them.*

Could be done for the New Year holiday as a blessing for the coming year.

When writing prayers for your family here are some ideas of things to pray for:

- *Things you are thankful for concerning that family member.*
- *Challenges that they might be experiencing in the coming year.*
- *A special Bible verse.*
- *Praising character qualities.*

Verses that can be used to write your own Christmas Prayers.

[Isa 9:2, 6 ESV] 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ... 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

[Isa 53:3-6 ESV] 3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

[Mat 1:21-23 ESV] 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

[Luk 1:32-33 ESV] 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

[Luk 2:10-11, 14 ESV] 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ... 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

[Rom 5:8, 10 ESV] 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ... 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

[Rom 8:31-32, 34-35, 37-39 ESV] 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ... 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Rev 5:12 ESV] 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

[Rev 19:6, 16 ESV] 6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ... 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.