

Virtual Family Prayer Bag



Dear Parent / Carer,
In these current times of the pandemic we have produced an electronic version of the prayer bag for Christmas!



Celebrating Christmas

Please take some time over the festive period
to come together, as a family, in prayer.
Christmas day would be great if you can find a quiet moment!

A Message from our new Bishop

Dear Friends,

Our Catholic schools are so helpful in helping your child to grow in so many different ways, not least in their understanding of faith and their personal relationship with Christ. This meant to support the fundamental work of passing on our faith which takes place within the family. During these days of the pandemic lockdown, we have all come to recognise the importance of the family as a setting for prayer and faith sharing.

I am grateful to those who have worked hard to put together this virtual prayer bag. Hopefully you will find the resources helpful in encouraging your child to prepare for Christmas and to enter into the spirit of this wonderful Season of Advent.

Be assured of my loving prayer for you all. There must be many challenges in these days to family life. In the name of our Infant Saviour, many thanks to all you do to respond to your vocation to be parents who share our faith with your children.

Yours devotedly in Christ,
+David

Bishop of Northampton

Set aside some time in your day
to gather together for prayer
Make sure you are all sitting comfortably
Light a candle



In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Jesus is born





God's Word



A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord

The Nativity



A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you O Lord

The Roman Emperor, Augustus, issued an order.
Everyone in the Roman Empire must register at
the town his family came from.

Joseph's family were descended from King David.
So he had to go to Bethlehem,
where King David was born.

Joseph took Mary on the long journey south
through the hills
eighty miles of rough dirt roads.

The donkey carried food,
warm cloaks for the chilly nights
and clothes for the baby
who was due to be born any day.

Mary was tired when they arrived in Bethlehem.
But there was nowhere for them to stay.
The inns were already crowded with travellers.
One inn – keeper felt sorry for Mary
but the only space he had left was in the stable.

It was dirty and smelly in there
with the animals.
But at least Mary could rest there
and there was nowhere else.

That night Mary's baby son was born.
She wrapped him up warmly
in the clothes she had made,
and laid him in a manger to sleep.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

JESUS
IS THE
LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD



Let us pray together



Lord Jesus,
You bring us light and joy.

May we carry your light, in our hearts this day
and share it with all those we meet.

Amen.



We walk in the light when
we show good example.

We pray to the Lord

Light of Christ guide us

We walk in the light when
we treat others fairly

We pray to the Lord

Light of Christ guide us





We walk in the light when
we listen to others

We pray to the Lord

Light of Christ guide us

We walk in the light when
we respect others

We pray to the Lord

Light of Christ guide us





We walk in the light when
we forgive others

We pray to the Lord

Light of Christ guide us

We walk in the light when
we help others

We pray to the Lord

Light of Christ guide us





We walk in the light when
We are kind to others
We pray to the Lord
Light of Christ guide us

We walk in the light when
we talk with God each day
We pray to the Lord
Light of Christ guide us



Loving Father we thank you for sending your son,
Jesus, to be one like us.



We welcome him now into our home,
we welcome him into our hearts and
we welcome him into our lives.

May the light of the Christ-Child shine into the
darkness of this world that we may walk in his light
and bring that light to those we meet this Christmas.

We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ,
the light of the world. Amen

Sending Forth





Click on the link below
to watch / listen / join in with

[Away in a Manger](#)

Or sing it yourselves!

Away in a manger
no crib for a bed
the little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay
the little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
the Baby awakes
but little Lord Jesus
no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus
look down from the sky
and stay by my side
until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask you to stay
close by me forever
and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in your tender care
and fit us for heaven
to live with you there