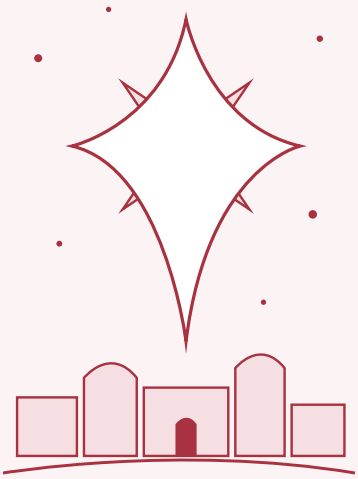
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Christmas Eve prayers

Prayers for the table, the family and each part of a Christmas Eve service, with Scripture blessings.



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A short Christmas Eve prayer

ALL PRAY **Father, thank you for sending your Son to be born for us. As this night grows quiet, fix our hearts on Jesus, Savior and Immanuel. Keep our homes in your peace, and bring us to worship you with joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A short Christmas Eve prayer for peace

ALL PRAY **Lord Jesus, you are the Light no darkness can overcome. Forgive our sins and give us your peace tonight. Watch over the people we love, and wake us with gratitude for your birth. We pray in your name. Amen.**

A short Christmas Eve prayer of thanks

ALL PRAY **Father, thank you for your Son, born in Bethlehem and given to save his people. Receive our praise tonight. Help us rest in your care and show Christ's love to others tomorrow. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Christmas Eve dinner prayer for a child

ALL PRAY **Father, thank you for our dinner and for Jesus, your Son. Thank you that he was born in Bethlehem to save us. Help us enjoy this evening and love each other well. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Christmas Eve dinner prayer for the head of the table

PRAYER

Father, we thank you for this food, for the hands that prepared it and for every person at this table. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son, born of the virgin Mary to save his people from their sins. Bless our conversation and make our home a place of welcome. Teach us to receive your gifts with gratitude and to share them gladly. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Christmas Eve prayer for family after reading Luke 2

READ LUKE 2:10-12

> 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! For behold, I bring you good news
> of great joy that will be for all the people: 11 Today in the city of David a Savior has
> been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! 12 And this will be a sign to you: You will
> find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

PRAYER

Father, we thank you for the good news announced to the shepherds. Jesus Christ, your Son, was born in Bethlehem, and he is our Savior. Forgive the sins we bring into this evening. Help us take your Word to heart. Teach us to love one another patiently, keep us through the night and bring us to worship Christ with joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Christmas Eve call to worship

READ PSALM 96:1-3

> 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Sing to the LORD,
> bless His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. 3 Declare His glory among the
> nations, His wonders among all peoples.

Christmas Eve opening prayer

PRAYER

Father, we gather to praise you for the birth of Jesus Christ. Your eternal Son took on flesh and was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem. He is Immanuel, God with us. Forgive our sins and gather our wandering thoughts to you. Fill this room with reverence and joy by your Holy Spirit as we hear your Word and sing your praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Eve prayer before the sermon

PRAYER

Father, your eternal Word became flesh. Jesus Christ, your Son, has made you known. Open our ears as the Scriptures are read and preached. Guard the words of the preacher, correct our error and give us faith to receive the good news. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Eve offering prayer

PRAYER

Father, you gave your Son for us when we could not save ourselves. Jesus Christ came to bring us back to you. Accept our gratitude along with these gifts. Use them to support your church, care for people in need and make your good news known in our town. Teach us to give gladly. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer at the lighting of the Christ candle

READ JOHN 1:5, 14

> [5]The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [14]The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

PRAYER

Father, as we light this candle, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your eternal Son. He is the true Light who gives light to everyone. Renew our faith in him and let his light guide our steps. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Eve pastoral prayer

PRAYER

Father, we praise you for sending your Son. Jesus Christ, Immanuel, came to save his people from their sins. We confess our hurry, our divided hearts and the sins we have carried into this holy night. Forgive us and turn our attention to Christ. Bless every home represented here. Strengthen marriages, guide parents and keep children in your care. Comfort those who grieve this year, for you are near to the brokenhearted. Draw near to people far from home, those working tonight and those who cannot join us. Bless our town. Care for the sick, the lonely and families under strain. Give our pastors and all who serve tonight humble hearts and clear words. Let the good news of Jesus reach our neighbors. Make us ready for his return, and keep us in your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Eve prayer before Silent Night

PRAYER

Father, we thank you for Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem and announced by angels. He is the Light of the world. As we sing by candlelight, fill us with the shepherds' joy and fix our hope on the day he comes again. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Christmas Eve closing prayer

PRAYER

Father, send us from this service with faith in your Son. Jesus Christ was born of the virgin Mary, and he will come again in glory. Keep us in your peace tonight. Help us carry the good news to our families and neighbors, and bring us together again to hear your Word. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Eve blessing from Numbers 6

NUMBERS 6:24-26

> 24 May the LORD bless you and keep you;
> 25 may the LORD cause His face to shine
> upon you and be gracious to you;
> 26 may the LORD lift up His countenance toward
> you and give you peace.

Christmas Eve blessing from 2 Corinthians 13

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

> 14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the
> Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Christmas Eve blessing from Hebrews 13

HEBREWS 13:20-21

> 20 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant
> brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
> 21 equip you with every good thing to do His will. And may He accomplish in us
> what is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and
> ever. Amen.