



Christmas to Candlemas



Revelation 5:8 “the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders... were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people.”

We invite you to pray for our church, our community, our nation and our world for 40 days, beginning on Christmas Day and ending at Candlemas 2nd February.

In Daniel chapter 6 there is a decree to worship only King Darius. Daniel continues to pray three times a day and even when he is thrown in the lion’s den God protects him. That is why we would encourage you to pray three times a day whenever it is convenient for you.

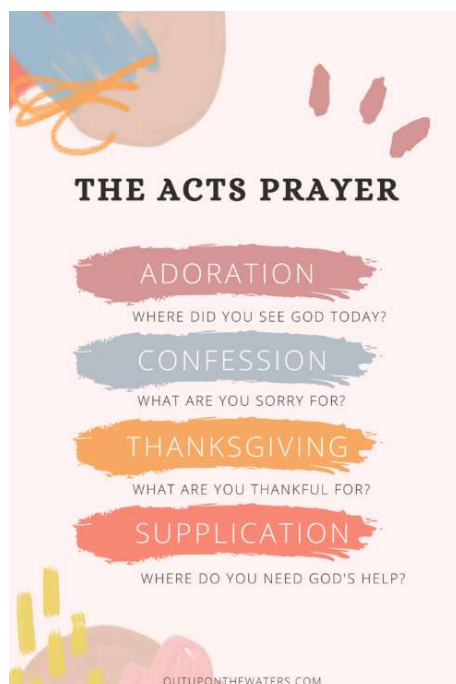
In these resources there are ideas on how to pray and what to pray for.

The Bible encourages us to always pray, about all kinds of topics. We can ask God to help the people we care for and we can talk to Him about the things we need or we’re worried about. We can also share what we’re grateful for and we can say sorry when we we’ve made a mistake.

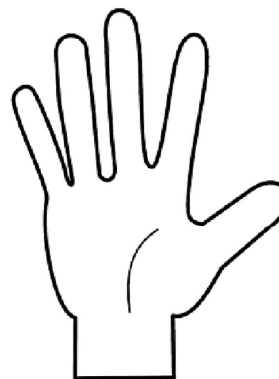
We can pray by talking, thinking, or writing; we can even try drawing, crafting, or painting what we want to express. We can use our own words, or borrow someone else’s, making them our own.

All we need to do is: **Keep it simple. Keep it real. Keep it up.**

Prayer Models



The 5-Finger Prayer



Thumb: Pray for those closest to you: your family and friends.

Pointer finger: Pray for those who point you in the right direction: your teachers, and other leaders in your life. Pray for wisdom and support.

Middle finger (tallest): Pray for those that lead us: those in government, in business, in church leadership. Pray for guidance and wisdom.

Ring finger (weakest): Pray for those who are poor, sick, in pain, in trouble: those most in need.

Pinkie finger (smallest): Pray for yourself and your own needs.