



**Prayer Guides for
the Holidays:
Thanksgiving,
Christmas, and the
New Year**



Guide to Prayer During the Holidays: Thanksgiving

- Give thanks to God for salvation and the spiritual blessings He brings into your life every day. Take a moment to recite those blessings to Him in your prayers.
- Pray that you will express gratitude to God for spiritual blessings by strengthening your commitment to Him and growing in your Christian walk.
- Give thanks to God for loved ones in your life who have a relationship with Christ and are growing in the Lord.
- Pray for loved ones who don't know or serve Christ, that they will embrace Him, as well as for those who are struggling in their Christian commitment.
- Give thanks to God for good health in your life and the lives of friends and loved ones.
- Pray for healing and strength regarding physical needs in your life as well as the lives of friends and loved ones.
- Give thanks to God for the various ways He has met your daily needs.



- Pray that God will continue to meet your needs no matter what the future holds. Also remember in prayer those who struggle every day just to obtain the basics of life such as food and shelter. Ask God to give you opportunities to help wherever possible.
- Give thanks to God for your church, including spiritual leaders and fellow Christians.
- Pray for your church, pastor, and other spiritual leaders. Ask God to bring your church together in unity around His purpose and direction. Pray that spiritual leaders will receive anointing and wisdom, and that each ministry in the church will receive adequate funding and volunteer support.
- Give thanks to God for opportunities to serve Him through the gifts, talents, and abilities He has given you.
- Pray that God will open new opportunities for ministry and service in your life, and challenge you to move beyond your own understanding, conquer any fears, and minister in ways you never thought possible.

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Guide to Prayer During the Holidays: Christmas

- Pray for God's protection upon all who are traveling over the Christmas holidays.
- Pray for a sense of God's presence and mutual love as families and friends gather.
- Pray that healing and harmony will come to strained family relationships.
- Pray that those unable to be with family will enjoy the fellowship of friends.
- Pray for God's special comfort upon family and friends who have lost loved ones this year.
- Pray for families and friends who have loved ones in the military.
- Pray for divine protection and comfort upon military personnel separated from family.
- Pray for missionary parents and children who are apart during the holidays.



- Pray for churches and ministries, that their Christmas services and outreaches will be effective in reaching the lost, ministering to believers, and helping those with practical, emotional, family, and spiritual needs during the holiday season.
- Pray that God will move on the hearts of Christians to pray for and reach out to those with practical and emotional needs during the holidays, such as the homeless, those in poverty, and those residing in hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, and other institutions.
- Pray that Christians and unbelievers alike will reject the temptation to focus on the material side of Christmas, choosing instead to recognize it as the celebration of Christ coming into the world to save us and give us new life.
- Pray that people who do not yet know Christ as Savior will find the greatest gift of all in salvation through Him.

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Guide to Prayer During the Holidays: The New Year

- Pray that a powerful spiritual awakening will grip our nation, our churches, and Christians as well as unbelievers in the new year.
- Pray that God will provide for the needy during times of economic challenge throughout the new year.
- Pray Christians will stand strong for Christ no matter the challenges in the new year. Seek God especially regarding the persecuted Church around the world, that He will grant protection and strength to those who suffer the most and even pay the ultimate price for the cause of Christ.
- Pray that unsaved friends and loved ones will soften their hearts toward Christ during the new year.
- Pray that God will strengthen your faith during crises and struggles during the new year.
- Pray that your commitment to prayer and worship will increase throughout the new year.
- Pray that God will provide you with many opportunities to share Christ with friends, family, and neighbors during this next year.
- Pray for Christian friends and loved ones who will face difficult spiritual battles in the new year.



- Pray for Assemblies of God U. S. Missionaries, that God will anoint them, grant them wisdom, meet their needs, protect them, and give them strength through the challenges of ministry in the year to come.
- Pray for Assemblies of God World Missionaries, that God will anoint them, grant them wisdom, meet their needs, protect them, and give them strength through the challenges of ministry in the year to come.
- Pray that God will protect you during times of work and travel throughout the coming year.
- Pray that youth in your church will grow in faith, stand firm for Christ through temptation and resistance, and grow as messengers of the gospel to friends and classmates throughout the year.
- Pray that children in your church will form strong, lasting relationships with Christ throughout the year.
- Pray that the elderly in your church will find encouragement through Christ during times of loneliness and trial during this next year.
- Pray that God will bless and protect government officials in the new year, and that they will look to Him for wisdom and guidance.
- Pray that you will renew your commitment to become more like Christ each day throughout this next year.

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