Christmas Prayer to start your day

Begins after Christmas Day

*You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.*

O Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us

**Let’s pray with one heart and mind**

*A moment of silence to be still and centre our scattered thoughts*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day

**So may the light of your presence set our hearts**

**on fire with love for you now and forever**

*We join in prayer using words from the Psalms to help us*

Extract from a Psalm for today

*We declare these words of praise*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever**

We read from Bible and reflect on what God may be saying to us today

*Christmas prayer*

**The Word become flesh and dwelt among us**

The darkness is passing away

**And the true light is already shining**

The Word of life which was from the beginning

*We offer our prayers to God*

*We pray for this day and its tasks*

*We pray for others*

*We pray for ourselves*

*And bring our silent prayers before God*

Cast all your anxiety on Him for He cares for you

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven**

**Hallowed be your name**

**Your Kingdom come**

**Your will be done**

**One earth as in heaven**

**Give us today our daily bread**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**But deliver us from evil**

**For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours**

**Now and forever**

**Amen**

*We conclude our prayers trusting God to help and guide us this day.*

A Christmas blessing

**May God who has called us out of darkness**

**Into His marvellous light**

**Bless us and fill us with peace**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**