

Tutor Group Reflections and Prayers wb: 24.11.25 Advent & Giving

Reflection 1 – Advent

Good morning; may the Lord be with you.

(Response) And also with you.

-What do you feel you need for Christmas this year?

In the book of Acts, chapter 2, verses 42-45 we read,

‘They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need’.

This picture of the early church shows us that their faith made a huge difference to the way they lived and especially to how they treated people in need.

- Why do you give Christmas presents?

-How might we think differently about what we give this year?

Prayer 1

Let us pray:

Lord,

You have given us every spiritual and material blessing. Show us how to share our gifts with others and inspire us always to follow your example of generous self-giving. Teach us to give with a joyous and grateful heart that we may provide hope, consolation, and care to your people and through this, give glory and honour to your holy name. Amen.

Reflection 2 – Advent

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-Which charities do you support and why?

In Matthew 25 verses 44-45 Jesus says,

‘They will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?”

He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

Jesus reminds his followers that not only is helping others a good thing to do, it’s a key part of following him.

-How could we help others better?

Prayer 2

Let us pray:

Loving Father,

You alone are the source of every good gift. We praise you for all your gifts to us, and we thank you for your generosity. Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Help us to be grateful and responsible. We commit ourselves to being good stewards. Help us to be grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back with increase. Help us to make stewardship our way of life. Amen.

Reflection 3 – Advent

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How might you support the advent appeal this year?

1 Timothy 6, verse 18 tells us,

‘Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share’.

-Spend a short while reflecting on all that we have, and the difference we can make.

-Please think of how you can help others this Advent, perhaps pray for those in need and give your support to our amazing charities. Thanks

Prayer 3

Let us pray:

Lord God,

Help us to give you thanks always and everywhere for the good gifts you have given us. Thank you that though life isn’t always easy, we have plenty compared to lots of people around the world. Help us to have your heart for others, and may we be faithful stewards of all your good gifts to us. Amen