During December we will be joining with the schools across the diocese as we pray together during advent. These prayers were provided by the Pray for Schools team, clergy, staff and pupils.

**Sunday**

Dear Father God
Thank you for making us happy this advent – a time to spread love and a special time to think of others and to spread your love around us.

Please give strength to those who need it the most now and forever. AMEN

**Monday**

Dear Lord
Thank you for Advent and the coming of Jesus. Please help us to take care of our friends and to help the poor people in the cold.

Help us to always remember to say thank you for all the lovely gifts that we have at Christmas and let us shine your light at this advent time. AMEN

**Tuesday**

Dear God,
Thank you for this terrific, special and wonderful time of preparing for Christmas. Thank you also for all the amazing things you give to everyone. Help us to think about those who need our help. Please forgive those who are unkind and instead help us to teach them your love.

Help us to celebrate Advent with joy. Thank you for the birth of Jesus. Help us to remember His birth forever. AMEN

**Wednesday**

Dear God,
Thank you for the world that you have given us. Without it we would not have anywhere to live. At Christmas time please let everyone have enough to eat and drink and please let everyone have that little bit of extra money to share.

Please let all the children have good health. We pray for the children who are in hospital over Christmas and we pray for their families too. Please help them not to be sad.

Help me to remember to be kind and to spread Christmas happiness. Help me to find a better way to be kind to my brother and guide me to help the homeless people.

Please forgive me when I don’t do that. AMEN
**Thursday**

Dear God

We pray for our school. Please let the teachers have a good rest at Christmas. Please let the schools have enough money so that we can have computers and books and enough teachers to teach us well.

Please keep all of my friends safe this Christmas. Thank you for my friends and for what I have at home. Let me always be grateful. Guide us to do the right thing.

We pray for the people who are sleeping on the streets this Christmas please send people to help them. Please help there to be homes enough for everyone. AMEN

**Friday**

Lord, I believe that you created us all for a special purpose and that you have a perfect plan for life. I ask that you fulfil your purpose for all in our schools and churches. Help us all to do our part earnestly seeking you daily through prayer and your word. Thank you that as we seek you each day you will guide us along the best pathway for life.

In Jesus’ name, Amen

**Saturday**

Dear Lord

Thank you for all of our celebrations leading up to Christmas. Please help us to pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Please help us at Christmas time to help other people who might be hungry and homeless.

Help us to remember to thank those who give us gifts at Christmas time. And thank you for all that you have done for us, especially at Christmas time. AMEN