**Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary**

*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 God
Help our teachers as they get ready for Christmas time. Help us to thank them for doing our decorations and Christmas plays. Thank you also for all the things that we eat at Christmas time. Thank you for the people who get our food ready for us at school and at home. Let us pray for those who don’t have enough food. AMEN

**Monday**

Dear Lord
Thank you for Jesus Christ who forgives our sins. Please remind us that there are people out there who aren’t as fortunate as us. Help them to find a church to go to at Christmas so that they won’t be lonely. AMEN

**Tuesday**

Dear Lord
Help us as we get ready for Christmas during this Advent time. Help us to think of others above ourselves, Help us to think about the beautiful world that you have given us. We are sorry when we do not look after it properly. Help us to make more great memories with our friends and our families this Advent.

Thank you for the greatest gift of all – the gift of Jesus and the love that he brought to earth. AMEN

**Wednesday**

Dear Lord
Thank you for the wonderful day when we can celebrate Christmas. We thank you for all the fun things that we can do in our school and in our church to remember Jesus coming to earth. Thank you for all that this means.

We pray for people around the world who have not got the freedom to celebrate and have fun like we can. Please let there be peace all around the world at Christmas. AMEN

**Thursday**

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the life of Jesus. Thank you that we can celebrate his birth at Christmas time. Thank you for Jesus our Saviour who showed us the way that we should live. Help us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Thank you for advent. Help us to appreciate more who Jesus is and the way that he made our world a better place. Please help us to follow his example.

Thank you that Jesus’ birth brought us love, hope, respect, friendship, happiness, kindness and trust. AMEN
Friday

Dear God
Please help us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with fun and happiness. Thank you for Advent and the time that we have to count down to Christmas. As we remember Jesus’ birth help us also to remember his life too and the way that he showed us how to live.

Thank you for letting us celebrate Advent because there are those who cannot and please keep them safe.

We pray that we can be more like Jesus this Christmas time. AMEN

Saturday

Dear Lord,
Thank you for Advent, for our families, our friends, our schools and our churches. Help us to love our neighbour as ourselves and to care for those in need.

Our saviour in heaven and our protector help us to celebrate Advent in the way that you would want us to. AMEN

The Anglican Cycle of prayer can be accessed at http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx