

Prayers of the week, January 2014

5 January

Based on Matthew 2.1-12

The wise men followed the star to find the King.
Help us to be willing to search and find you.

The wise men found Jesus in a small house in a small town.
Help us to look for you in unexpected places.

The wise men knew that Jesus was special.
Help us know that you are special today too.

The wise men brought gifts for the baby.
Help us to offer what we have as worship to you.

12 January

Based on Psalm 29 (using v11 as a response)

We pray for people who live in areas affected by war
For peace, stability, resolution and hope

God makes his people strong
God gives his people peace

We pray for people who live without homes
For warmth, shelter, protection and comfort

God makes his people strong
God gives his people peace

We pray for families who struggle to make ends meet
For provision, relief, comfort and joy

God makes his people strong
God gives his people peace

We pray for those who struggle with illness
For healing and wholeness

God makes his people strong
God gives his people peace

We pray for all of us

To know God's love, provision and peace in all circumstances

God makes his people strong

God gives his people peace

19 January

When the TV is loud and there is lots to see

Show us who you are.

When the decisions are hard

Show us how to choose.

When we see people in need

Show us how to love and serve.

When things don't seem to go our way

Show us how to trust.

When we can't see where you are

Teach us faith.

26 January

Based on Isaiah 9 (and Matthew 4)

Some of our friends are 'walking in darkness'

Where darkness is not knowing you

Your presence in the world is like a great light switched on

We pray for our friends to see your light

Some of our friends are 'living in the land of shadows'

With shadows of despair, difficulty and struggle

Your dawning light drives out the darkness

We pray for our friends to know your deep peace