

Tulsa Bible Church Prayer Calendar December 2024

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; Let all within us praise His holy name. Christ is the Lord!
O praise His name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim! His power and glory evermore
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As you are able, please schedule a time for fasting and prayer Sunday, Dec 1st.

What was God's purpose in Christmas for which we here and now worship Him with thanks and praise?

1. **To fulfill His eternal plan.** Genesis 3:15 "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."
2. **To fulfill prophecy.** Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."
3. **To complete redemption's story.** Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).
4. **To act according to His perfect timing.** Galatians 4:4 But, when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law...
5. **Because of Adam's sin all have sinned and all die.** Matthew 1:21 "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
6. **To lay down His sinless life in death to pay for my sin.** I John 3:5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.
7. **To provide victory over sin to me.** I John 2:1a My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.
8. **Serve as advocate before God the Father for me for continued godly living.** I John 2:1b But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
9. **Give victory over the devil.** I John 3:8b The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.
10. **Because we need a shepherd.** Matthew 2:6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."
11. **To reveal Himself to me.** Isaiah 40:9b ...lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God! "
12. **To adopt us as his own children.** Galatians 4:5b...to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
13. **To reveal the Father to the world.** John 14:8b "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father"
14. **To take His rightful place in my heart.** Isaiah 9:6a For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder...
15. **To cause me to seek Him before anyone or anything else.** Luke 2:15 ...the shepherds said one to another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."
16. **For Jesus Christ to become my all in all.** Isaiah 9:6b ...and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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17. **To help me revel in the blessing of His presence.** Luke 1:43 "And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"
18. **So that I may know the gracious favor of His presence.** Luke 1:28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"
19. **So that my heart responds to my Lord Jesus Christ in joyful worship.** Luke 1:46, 47 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."
20. **So that I may worship God in spirit and in truth.** Luke 1:32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David..."
21. **So that my faith would be strengthened.** Luke 1:37 "For nothing will be impossible with God."
22. **To demonstrate His sovereignty even in ordinary circumstances.** Luke 2:4, 5 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.
23. **To bring justice and righteousness to our fallen world.** Isaiah 11:4 ...but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth...
24. **To highlight His grace and truth.** John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
25. **To shine the light of His truth to all nations.** Luke 2:32 "...a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."
26. **To take His place as Sovereign King of kings.** Matthew 2:1,2a Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?"
27. **To use our church to carry the light of the Gospel.** Isaiah 9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
28. **So that I would proclaim His coming to everyone I meet.** Luke 2:16,17 And they [the shepherds] went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.
29. **So that more hearts in Tulsa would receive Him.** Luke 2:7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
30. **So that I will humbly submit to His will.** Luke 1:38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.
31. **So that Jesus Christ will be my Savior and my Lord.** Luke 2:11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

What was God's purpose in Christmas? From the very start, the ultimate answer was declared by the angels to lowly shepherds on the hills of Bethlehem. Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased."

All Scripture is from English Standard Version (ESV)

*O Holy Night /Translator: John S Dwight/ Author: Placide Cappdeau (1847)