

## Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Dear God, on this day of giving,

We thank you for every gift you send,

Your blessings without number and your love  
which never ends.

Sorry for when we are selfish and sorry for so  
much greed.

Help us to remember and share with all in need.

We lift our hearts before you and wait to hear your  
word;

We worship and adore you, our great and mighty  
Lord.

**Amen.**



**KEEP  
CALM**

**It's only 3 weeks**

**UNTIL  
CHRISTMAS**



**John the baptist,  
John Bulldozer,  
John the wrecking ball:  
levelling mountains, laying roads,  
shouting out his call:  
No time left!  
The Saviour comes!  
Get ready, one and all!**

***Prepare the way,  
Make straight the path,  
and fill the valleys in;  
knock down the mountains of your doubts,  
make smooth the soil of sin,  
the Lord is coming, shout it out!  
His glory will be seen!***

**John the baptist, wild and hairy,  
eats what he can find.**

**Not one to tiptoe round the truth,  
He says what's on his mind:**

**No time left!**

**The Kingdom comes!**

**Now don't get left behind!**

***Prepare the way,  
make straight the path,  
for we are grass and flowers  
we die and fall, but our Lord lives  
and now He comes in power.***

***Fear not, Judah,***

***shout good news:***

***His word will live forever!***

**John the baptist  
calls the people:  
“Hear the words I say,  
turn from sin and be baptized,  
wash your wrongs away!  
No time left!  
that longed for Lord  
is here today, today!”**

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## Dedication of the Toys

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus you came to this earth as a child in need.  
Your family was poor but your family was rich in love.  
You are the friend of the poor.

No one is forgotten or left out of your kingdom.

We now dedicate these toys and gifts, which we give  
in your name.

Bless each child, each family, and each home that  
will receive these gifts.

Make a way for each one to know your love this  
Christmas.

May they know that they are remembered and cared  
for.

Guide those who must choose the best gift for each child.

Bless all who work for others this Christmas.

We ask this prayer in your name. **Amen.**



## Prayers for children

Father God

Bring children the gift of love.

Let our gift of toys show that they are loved and cared for.

Father God

Bring children the gift of joy.

Let our gift of toys bring a smile to their faces and happiness this Christmas.

Father God

Bring children the gift of peace.

Let your gift of peace make their worries melt away like snow.

Father God

Bring children the gift of hope.

Let your gift of hope help them believe things will get better.

Father God

Bring children the gift of courage.

Let your gift of hope give them the strength they need to face each challenge.

Father God

Bring children the gift of safety.

Let your gift of protection keep them safe from all danger and harm.

Bless all children everywhere.

We pray for others in need and in our hearts today.

Bring them your gifts of love, joy, peace, hope,  
courage and safety.

We pray for ourselves.

Make us ready for all you are making ready for us  
this Christmas.

We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus, our  
light,

**Amen.**

## The Blessing

We bring our gifts and our lives to God.

As we watch and wait

**Come, Lord Jesus**

In our hopes and in our fears

**Come, Lord Jesus**

In our homes and in our world

**Come, Lord Jesus**

Bless us and surprise us as we look forward to your  
birthday.

**Amen**