

December 2016



Prayer Journal

Praying Through Advent



How to use this

Prayer support is a central component of Raising Boys Ministries as we seek to equip and encourage parents to raise Godly men. As a companion to the Monthly Prayer for Boys Calendar, this prayer journal gives you a simple but powerful tool that will guide the time you spend in prayer for your boys. Each weekday features a Scripture-inspired prayer that coordinates with the calendar and you'll find the following sections on each journal page:

Day and Verse

At the beginning of each day, we've included the full verse and reference as a starting point.

Note: We use the ESV Bible translation.

Think

The space provided in this section is designed to help you process and meditate on the verse of the day. Consider what God is speaking to your heart through His Word on behalf of your son. Dream about your son's future and what it would look like to see the message of this verse come to fruition in his life.

Pray

Each day, we use the Scripture verse to inspire a prayer that is specifically geared toward the heart of boys. Use that short prayer as a jumping off point and feel free to journal any other heartfelt prayers for your son, your own heart, or anything else you need to bring to Jesus.

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Finally, we've provided several lines for you to make a plan for application based on the daily verse.

Write out action steps that would allow you to weave this verse into the fabric of your family life today. How can you explain the message of this verse to your son? Does this verse spark any practical object lessons or teachable moments?

We hope this journal and the prompts included are a blessing as you intentionally intercede on behalf of your sons. We feel so privileged to share the journey with you and we are praying for your family!

Brooke and Erin

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“An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).” ~Matthew 1:20-23

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PRAY

May our sons know God as the one who saves
and the one who is with us.

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“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ~Luke 1:26-28

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May our sons remember that God is always with them.

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“And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.” Luke 1:30-32

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Lord, help me trust You to carry out Your plans in my son’s life.

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“And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be?... And the angel answered her,
“For nothing will be impossible with God!” ~Luke 1:34, 35, 37

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May our sons know that nothing is impossible with
God.

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And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." Luke 1:41, 42, 45

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May our sons believe the Lord will fulfill what He has spoken.

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“And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 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. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.” ~Luke 2:3-6

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May our sons see the hand of God in every part of their lives.

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“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.”

Luke 2:7

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Lord, make room in my son’s heart for You.

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“For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
~Isaiah 9:6

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PRAY

May our sons celebrate the Wonderful, Mighty,
Everlasting Prince of Peace!

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“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” Luke 2:8-10

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May our sons rejoice at the good news of Jesus’ birth!

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“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” Luke 2:11-14

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May our sons praise God and bring glory to Him!

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“When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” Luke 2:15

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May our sons be compelled to follow after Christ.

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“And they 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. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.” Luke 2:16-18

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May our sons boldly share the message about Jesus.

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“But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.” Luke 2:19

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May our sons treasure the story of Jesus and ponder it in their hearts.

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“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? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” Matthew 2:1,2

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May our sons always seek to worship Jesus.

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“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.” Matthew 2:10,11

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May our son's have joy-filled hearts, offering their gifts to Jesus.

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“Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him... When the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:25-32

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May our sons be righteous and devout as Simeon was, knowing that Jesus is the salvation prepared for all people.

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“And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.”
~Luke 2:33

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May our sons marvel at what is said about Jesus.

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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”
~John 1:1-5

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Lord, may our sons see you as the Word and the light that shines in the darkness.

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"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world."
~John 1:9

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May our sons know that Jesus is the true light.

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“He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” ~John 1:10-12

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PRAY

May our sons receive Jesus and believe in his name!

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“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.” ~John 1:14

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May our sons see the glory of Jesus,
the only Son from the Father.

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“For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” John 1:16,17

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May our sons receive grace upon grace through
Jesus Christ.

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“ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.” Luke 2:40a

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May our sons be filled with wisdom.

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“ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.” Luke 2:“And the favor of God was upon him.” Luke 2:40b

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May the favor of God be upon our sons.

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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:16,17

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PRAY

May our sons believe in Jesus and be saved through him.

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