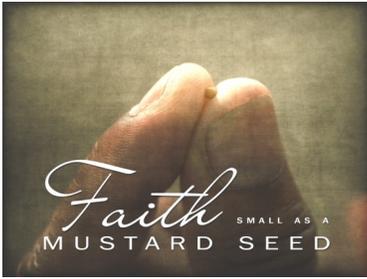


INTENTIONAL ACTS OF GRATITUDE AND GRACE

A calendar for Advent and Christmas

Changing the world by putting your mustard seed faith into action!



Pray as you begin each day asking God how you can make a difference for Jesus in our community. Complete the suggested daily activities. Share the following activities with your friends and family. Do the activities together or on your own.

Nov. 27th: (First Sunday of Advent) Write a thank you note to someone who has helped you. Pray for that person

Nov. 28th: Fill a small box w/toys to donate. Pray for children who need help

Nov. 29th: Make a card for a pastor, church staff member, or ministry leader serving in your church. Pray for that person.

Nov. 30th: Make a Christmas card for a member of the military. Pray for all of our servicemen and women.

Dec 1st: Collect loose change and donate it. Pray for the organization you choose to receive your donation.

Dec 2nd: Thank a teacher who has made a difference in your life. Make a card for a teacher, teacher's aide or professor. Pray for those who serve to educate the children, youth and adults in our community.

Dec. 3rd: Mail a postcard to a friend or family member. Pray for that person.

Dec 4th: Fill a bag with clothes to donate. Pray for families in need of clothing.

Dec. 5th: Make a bird feeder. Thank God for all of his creation.

Dec. 6th: Write a note of thanks for community leaders (Mayor, City Council, etc). Pray for those who leaders who serve our local, state and national government.

Dec. 7th: Fill a bag with food for a meal ministry such as Faith Kitchen. Donate to the Stark County Hunger Task Force. Pray for those in need of food.

Dec. 8th: Draw a picture for your Mom or Dad or someone who has made a difference in your life. Pray for them.

Dec. 9th: Make cards for nursing home residents. Pray for all those in nursing homes.

Dec. 10th: Read the book *The Sparkle Box* by Jill Hardie or another book about giving. Decide what gift you will give to Jesus this Christmas.

Dec. 11th: Write a Christmas message w/chalk on a sidewalk. Pray for those who don't know the Christmas story.

Dec. 12th: Hold the door for someone. Pray for that person.

Dec. 13th: Clean up a mess that you didn't make. Pray for those people who take care of others.

Dec. 14th: Help make dinner. Pray for those who didn't have dinner tonight.

Dec. 15th: Make a list of things you're thankful for. Say a prayer of thanks.

Dec. 16th: Smile at everyone you see today. Pray for those who are sad.

Dec. 17th: Hug someone. Pray for those in need of a hug.

Dec. 18th: Make cards for people in the hospital. Pray for all those who are ill.

Dec. 19th: Sing Christmas Carols w/your family or go Christmas caroling. Thank God for the gift of music.

Dec. 20th: Make a card for someone who has lost someone close to them in the past year. Remember their loved one. Let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them during the holidays.

Dec. 21st: Tell someone all the reasons you like them. Pray for that person.

Dec. 22nd: Leave a friendly note where someone will find it. Pray for those who are lonely.

Dec. 23rd: Make a card for a police officer or firefighter. Pray for all of those who protect us.

Dec. 24th: Make or color a picture of the Nativity and bring it to church on Christmas Eve or share it with someone you see on Christmas day. Thank God for the gift of Jesus.

Dec. 25th: Read Luke 2:1-20. Thank God for the gift of Christ Jesus. Pray, asking God how you can use the gifts God has given you to serve God and others.

Dec. 26th: Invite someone to attend a church event with you.

Dec. 27th: Donate books to a local Little Free Library. Read about Little Free Library at www.littlefreelibrary.org and pray about starting a Little Free Library in your neighborhood.

Dec. 28th: How has Jesus made a difference in your life? Write your faith story. Share your faith story with someone this week. Do one thing today to offer God's love to another person.

Dec. 29th: Let someone get in line in front of you. Pray for that person.

Dec. 30th: Take a prayer walk around your neighborhood. Pray for the people living in the houses and working in the businesses as you pass them on your walk.

Dec. 31st: Make a list of all the blessings you can think of that happened in 2016. Thank God for always being with you.

Jan. 1st: Decorate a jar to make a Blessing Jar. Throughout the year, write your blessings on a piece of paper and place them in the jar. Plan some times throughout the year to read them and give thanks to God. Make a 2nd Blessing Jar and give to a friend.

Jan. 2nd: Paint or color a picture. Thank God for all the beauty in the world.

Jan. 3rd: Learn about some of the social issues impacting our community such as hunger, homelessness, refugees, drug addiction, racism, mental health issues, and human trafficking. Pray, asking God how you can be a voice for the voiceless in our community.

Jan. 4th: Make a card for a neighbor. Pray for that neighbor.

Jan. 5th: Sit beside someone who is sitting alone at church, lunch, or school.

Jan. 6th: (Epiphany of the Lord): Learn about the tradition of Chalking the Door (<http://www.carmelites.net/news/chalking-door-epiphany-house-blessing-2015/>). Bless your home. Create a Blessing Bag to give to someone who is homeless. Pray for those who are homeless.

What acts of gratitude, grace and kindness will you add to the list?

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