

# Pray for an Amazing Journey: Daily Calendar

	Week One Meeting families	Week Two Life at home	Week 3 Time to play	Week 4 Welcome to church
Day One	<b>Connections:</b> Make a paper chain of the organisations in your community who work with families and pray for the church to make links.	<b>Neighbourhood:</b> Take a real [or imaginary] walk around your community, praying for God's love to be known and shown	<b>Play:</b> Sit on a swing for 5 minutes and pray for children at play	<b>Welcome:</b> stand in each doorway of either your home or church and pray that buildings and hearts will welcome families to church
Day Two	<b>Praise:</b> Give thanks for all the places and people locally who work alongside families,	<b>Peace:</b> pray that the family will have times of peace and rest on the amazing journey of faith	<b>Wonder</b> Notice things around you. Look at your fingers and marvel. Pray that children will have time to wonder and praise God.	<b>Beginnings:</b> as you pour water slowly into a bowl, pray for all the children who have started an amazing journey of faith through a christening at your church
Day Three	<b>Learning:</b> Walk through your home reading Proverbs 22:6. Pray that learning will be a good experience for children	<b>Love:</b> make or buy some heart confetti. Carry some pieces with you all day and pray for children to know love	<b>Adventure:</b> Pray that children will be able to explore the world freely and discover its amazing delights.	<b>Getting ready:</b> pray for all who are getting ready for a christening and those who will help them explore the meaning
Day Four	<b>Friendships:</b> Shake your hands together and pray for friendships between church and family and children	<b>Parents:</b> Tie some string round one finger and pray for the commitment parents make to each other and to their children	<b>Security:</b> Look up Isaiah 49: 15 and 16 and pray that children will feel secure in the knowledge of love	<b>Worship:</b> Think about all the different services taking place in your church. Pray that children and families will be able to share in worship
Day Five	<b>Struggle:</b> Sit for two minutes on the bottom step of the stairs and pray for children who are struggling with friends or with school work	<b>New babies:</b> Think about all who support the beginning of life, and pray for babies and new families	<b>Laughter:</b> Find a child's joke book. Carry it with you and give thanks for the gift of laughter in childhood.	<b>Contact:</b> Hold your phone in your hand and pray that your church will keep in touch with children and families
Day Six	<b>Schooldays:</b> Think about all your local schools/playgroups/nurseries and pray for each of them throughout the day	<b>Wider family:</b> Find a tree and count the branches, twigs, leaves! Hug the tree and pray for extended family relationships	<b>Space:</b> Walk to or imagine a space where children play. Pray that they might have room in their lives to flourish.	<b>Occasions:</b> In the morning pray for baptism, early afternoon for weddings, and in the evening for funerals. Remember the children and families who are involved in different ways.
Day Seven	<b>Age-related:</b> Buy a birthday card or candle with an age on it. Place it in a visible place and pray for all the children who are of that age in your community	<b>Changes:</b> Think about all the changes that happen over a year/a lifetime and pray for children facing change.	<b>Resources:</b> Find an empty box and a store catalogue e.g Argos. Pray that children will have the chance to be creative in their play.	<b>Children:</b> Fold your hands together with fingers linked to make a church shape, open it to show the people. Each time pray for families



## Using the Amazing Journey Daily Prayer Calendar

This prayer calendar can be used by all ages. It gives 4 weeks worth of daily prayer ideas – simple creative ideas that encourage prayer. They could be done alone, in a family, or with a group of people together.

It may be copied and given out to people.

It could be used by the congregation as part of praying for the churches ministry to families, especially through christenings.

It could also be given to families attending a christening service, as well as the family of the child being baptised.



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