

# Epiphany Prayers

This is a great idea for use during the prayers at an All-Age service during Epiphany.



## **You will need:**

- silver, gold or bright yellow thin card stars (c. 3 inch across and already cut out)
- pens
- a string of white fairy lights
- a suitable hook on the wall to suspend the fairy lights to make a Christmas tree shape
- clothes pegs

## **Step 1**

Ask everyone to write their own name one side of the star.

## **Step 2**

On the other side of the star, encourage everyone to write their prayers for the mission of the church into the local community during the coming year.

## **Step 3**

Invite people to come and peg their stars onto the string of fairy lights with their names facing out and their prayers hidden from view.

You may wish to sing a reflective song or play some quiet music in the background while people are writing their prayers and hanging them on the string of lights.

## **Step 4**

When everyone has attached their star, conclude all the prayers of the people together with some words from Philippians 2: 12ff but especially verses 15 – 16:

“Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose...

...Shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life...”

Alternatively you might like to use one of the Collects set for Epiphany from Common Worship.

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