

## TOGETHER IN PRAYER

### DECEMBER 2022.

**1st** At the beginning of this season of Advent, we ask You Lord, to teach us to understand more fully and to increase our knowledge of Your word. Make us faithful servants, in reading and listening to You; for the direction in life You yearn for us. We pray we become yet more discerning of Your will for us as we prepare our hearts for the season of Christmastide.

**2nd** Father in heaven, we bring before You all leaders of Your church throughout the world and especially in Europe. We give thanks for their witness and ministry. We pray, Lord, that they may be faithful to Your will; strengthen and guide them Father, in the truth of Your Word; that they continue teaching and preaching true scripture; may they make wise decisions and act justly for all. Thus furthering Your kingdom Come.

**3rd** Praying today, that our hearts and minds may be more open, seeing the world as You see it, Lord. Stir up in us, a desire to help, in any way we can, those who are less fortunate than ourselves and those who are in great need, in our church, in our communities and throughout Your world.

**4th** We thank you, Father, for the beauty of the countryside we live in. All the wondrous things You have made for us: there is so much for our enjoyment. You have made us the guardians of Your precious world. Forgive us Father, that we often forget to take care of our environment, that we often waste finite resources. Make us willing and eager to share the many good gifts You have provided for us, with those who are in dire straits.

**5th** Praying that the people of the world, who are fortunate enough to have one, the freedom to read their Bible; Praying, we that do so, on a daily basis. We ask You Father, to draw us, into a greater understanding of Your Word, a maturity on our journey with You. O Gracious Lord may we become effective witnesses in furthering Your kingdom, here on earth.

**6th** During this season of winter, we pray especially, for the many people who are homeless, for those who live in abject poverty and need. Move us Father, to act in kindness and generosity in whatever way we can. Help us to never hold back. No offering is ever too small.

**7th** Father God, encourage and help us to forgive ourselves, as we should forgive others.

**8th** We give thanks and praise for our family, friends and neighbours. May our homes and communities reign in peace and harmony. May our words and actions bring peace and togetherness. When there is conflict, Lord, grant us patience, wisdom and insight to heal any misunderstanding or hurt.

**9th** Christ the Good Shepherd, who knows all his sheep, we thank You for Your unfailing presence in all our lives.

**10th** *Lord, give us weak eyes for the things which are of no account and clear eyes for all Your truth.*  
Soren Kierkegaard ( 1813-1855 )

**11th** You, Lord, are, the light of our world: we Glorify You Father, Son and Holy Spirit; giving thanks and asking forgiveness; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. As John the Baptist prepared the way for Your coming, may we continue to grow in faith and discipleship, in order to further Your kingdom here on earth.

**12th** *Holy Dove, make us people of peace and reconciliation. Give us, we pray, wisdom to accomplish Your purposes for love and freedom, for peace in our homes and communities and the world, by the grace of our Father and Christ Jesus. Amen*  
Adamnan ( 628- 704 )

**13th** Today Father, we pray for people who are struggling with addictions and all the pressures that life brings them because of their dependencies. We ask You, healing Lord, to continue to be with them in their times of desperation. We pray that they recognise the signs of Your love and compassion for them. That in believing in You, there is hope, there will be healing; that there is a future for them in the world

*The following four days' prayers are from the Mother's Union, December Prayer Diary. They have been written by those in the West Indies.*

**14th** Thank You for the light of the world "Jesus": the Light of Hope, Love Faith, Joy, reflected in our season of advent. We pray You fill our hearts with love for all people, to serve You, through them.

**15th** *Lord, when we have nothing left but You, we are right where You want us. You can use any situation for Your glory and our good. You, never give up on us. Help us to relax in Your love and light. This, we ask in Your name. Amen.*

**16th** *Merciful God, hear the prayers of Your people, who through the power of love, can be energised to be Your light, that will dispel darkness. Create a pathway for increasing trust in You and giving us the peace and assurance, that can only, come from You.*

**17th** *Jesus, light of the world, we thank You for Your continuous beam that flows, daily, into our lives. Help us always, to follow the beam, to do Your will, praying that, others will see You, in us, Glorifying You. Amen.*

**18th** Today and forever, "Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord", He teaches us, He unconditionally loves us, always and forever, He promises us great things, He constantly forgives us. "To God be the Glory"

**19th** *O Heavenly Father; in whom we live, move and have our being, we humbly pray that You may guide and govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that in all aspects of our lives we never forget You but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; for Your own name's sake. (From an Ancient Collect.)*

**20th** Open our hearts today to the cries of the destitute, the downtrodden and the lonely. Encourage us to respond in love, with wisdom and without prejudice. Teach us Father, how to pray for those in need; by the power of your Holy Spirit in us.

**21st** Lord we praise You, we worship and adore You; may all we do in this day, be for Your glory; for "Your Kingdom Come."

**22nd** *You Lord, are our hope and our future. You have promised us all good things come from You.*  
(Jeremiah 33: 14-16)

**23rd** Father God we bring before You all members of our church family throughout the world and especially here in the Chaplaincy. We thank You deeply, that everyone who loves and believes in You, belongs to your family. You are 'our Father.'

**24th** Today we remember Mary and Joseph, living under Roman rule, having to leave their home to register their existence. It was the time for Jesus to be born. We pray especially today Lord, for all new parents; may they treasure, their new born. We ask you to pour Your blessings on them all today and throughout their lives.

**25th** *This very day, in David's town your Saviour was born "Christ the Lord" And this is what will prove it to you; you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.*  
(Luke 2: 11-12)

**26th** *Stephen said "behold I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God. (Acts 8:56).* Today we remember the first Christian martyr and his faithful witness to Jesus Christ. May we too be challenged to witness to Christ in our lives.  
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**27th** During this festive season of Christmastide, we give thanks and praise O Lord; for a time of rest and leisure, for the opportunity to enjoy company and conversation with our families, friends and neighbours. We pray You keep them all, in good health and spirit.

**28th** We pray for all homeless people. For the daily adversity and dangers they face. We pray Lord for their provision, protection and safety. Give us the grace to open our hearts to their plights and help in any way we can.

**29th** Lord, we are humbled as we wonder at Your greatness and power, Your gentleness and love. Help us to worship You in our words and deeds, in our hearts and in our lives. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**30<sup>th</sup>** Father we pray for those who are ill, in mind, body and spirit. Bringing before You especially today, those, who have asked us, to uphold them to You in our daily prayer. Praying also for all who are near and dear to us. Thank You Father, for Your constant love, care and compassion. Praying for all workers, who are called to give care and support to your suffering people, may their skills, knowledge and professionalism be used to aid comfort and healing.

**31<sup>st</sup>** Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed, be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not, into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thy is the Kingdom, the power and the glory; for ever and ever. Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be our experience throughout the days of the coming year.