

PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER 2024

“The word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” (John 1 v 14)

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Happy all who hear the message of His coming from above; happier still who hail His coming, and with praises greet His love. Enter, then, O Christ most Holy; make a Christmas in my heart. Make a heaven of my manger; it is heaven where thou art. (MHB 127)

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Prayers of thanks

- The Good news of Christ’s coming into this world, as our Saviour.
- God’s gift of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in our daily lives.
- Our Christian family, at home and throughout the world.

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O gift of gifts! O grace of grace, that God should condescend to make thy heart His dwelling place and be thy daily friend. (MHB 281)

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Prayers of concern

- For all who are grieving, especially Margaret & the family & friends of her brother Neville; and Mary, Linda’s sister, & family following the death of her husband Roy:
- The on-line abuse & grooming, especially of our young people.
- The on-going conflicts around the world.
- All who are homeless in the increasingly cold weather.
- All who are suffering, physical, mentally or spiritually.
- All who are being affected by scams.

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Lord, come to us, unloose our bands, and bid our terrors cease; lift over us Thy blessed hands, speak, Holy Jesus, speak. (MHB 509)

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Prayers for those known to us

Gill Gray; Bruce; Claudette & her sister-in-law Gillian & her brother Kenroy; Hazel & her friend Adrian; Annie, & her friend Christine; Barbara; Flo; Vicki & son Byron; Dave & Margaret & her sister Janet; Joan; Dorothy; Vic, Anne, Chris & Edward; Bob; Letitia; Andrea; Shirley; Laura & Seth, daughter & granddaughter of Anne; Doris; David R; Rosalind; Fred & Val; Sharon & Fiona; Mitchell; Joanna; Maureen; Sam & Ricky; Ros; Kevin & Ruth.

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Worrying is a conversation we have with ourselves about things we cannot change. Prayer is a conversation we have with God about things He CAN change. Talk to God!!

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Unlooked for and searched for, longed for and prayed for, loving God you come to us now as you have come to your people in every age. We thank you for all who have reflected the light of Christ. Help us to follow their example. Amen (Methodist worship book)