

TOGETHER IN PRAYER – DECEMBER, 2024

1st Advent Sunday: O God, who set before us the great hope that your Kingdom shall come on earth and taught us to pray for its coming; give us grace to discern the signs of its dawning and to work for the perfect day when the whole world shall reflect your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2nd Father God, we pray for all who have asked for our prayers. Comfort all with your presence, and strengthen the faint-hearted as they meet difficulties and challenges.

3rd We pray for all called to the preach your word, and share the good news of Jesus. We thank you for all who minister within the Chaplaincy, and ask for your continued inspiration and blessing.

4th Lord Jesus, we thank you for the richness and diversity of each person within your Kingdom. We pray that each member of the Body of Christ will experience a sense of our corporate nature, and be filled at every level with the breath of God.

5th Father God, we pray for the countries experiencing extreme destruction, and abuse of human rights. We ask for your help to care and protect the most vulnerable within our world.

6th Father God, we lift before you the Leaders of the United Kingdom and Europe. We ask that you will be with them in their decision-making, and that they will seek to serve with humility and integrity.

7th Father God, we praise and thank you for the beauty of your creation, and the joy it gives us in so many ways.

8th Father God, we lift before you all who are seeking to know You. We pray that the services that tell of the 'Greatest Gift of your Son Jesus' will resonate within their spirit, and draw them closer to You.

9th Father God, as we reflect on the words of the Advent and Christmas Carols, we thank you for the many truths that refresh our spiritual understanding of your 'Fatherhood' and your intimate knowledge of each individual.

10th Lord Jesus, we thank you for your life, and teachings throughout your time on earth. Help us always to value your obedience, and the sacrifice you endured in order that we maybe adopted into God's Kingdom, and experience eternal life.

11th Father God, we pray for those less fortunate than ourselves, who are struggling to exist without adequate, shelter, food, water, and medicine. We pray that the many agencies seeking to help will be gifted with sufficient donations.

12th. Heavenly Father, we pray for all those in abusive situations. We ask for sensitive help and advice to release them from the relationships which are unhelpful.

13th Father God, we entrust into your care the children that have experienced so much trauma in Gaza. We pray that there will be restoration of peace to the area, and that people may live with hope that this current conflict will end. We ask that there will be respect for humanity, and that world leaders will understand and acknowledge that all are created in Your image, and are loved by You.

14th Father God, we bring before you all who have lost loved ones this year. We ask that your presence will comfort and console them.

15th Father God, we pray for the Church world-wide as they prepare to give the Christmas message.

16th Lord Jesus, we pray for increased wisdom and understanding to communicate Your love and goodness to members of our community.

17th We pray for all teachers and children as they prepare for the end of term activities. May they experience the true meaning of God's gift of Jesus and his love for each person.

18th Lord Jesus, we pray for all students as they come to the end of their term. We ask that they will experience joy and peace as they return home to their families or spend time with friends.

19th Father God we pray for all young people. We ask for your protection against those who would seek to commit acts of malicious intent.

20th Father God, we pray for Church Leaders.

21st Lord Jesus, we pray for all whose faith is being challenged or undermined by inner doubts or outside influences.

22nd We pray that world leaders will have the courage to base their decisions on Godly wisdom, honesty and integrity.

23rd. Father God, we thank you for our Chaplaincy, and all those who work behind the scenes to help nurture friendship and fellowship.

24th Father God, we pray for all communities in France, United Kingdom and Ireland, that they would seek to be united and supportive of each member. That the most vulnerable will feel included and valued.

25th Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image, and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share our human nature, so we may be partakers of his divine glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

26th Almighty God, we thank you for the power of your word that is a guide to your truth, and your law. Help us to be guided to do what is right. We thank you for the counsel of the Holy Spirit.

27th Lord Jesus, we thank you for family and friends, who help and support us. Help us to value and encourage one another.

28th Father God, we pray for all who are responsible for the care of children. We ask that they value and cherish their roles,

29th Father God, we thank you for all who minister within the Chaplaincy, we ask that you will continue to inspire and strengthen them in all they do.

30th Father God, we pray for all needing to visit food banks in France and the United Kingdom. We thank you for all who help to ensure that there is sufficient food to meet the needs of so many.

31st O God you search me and you know me,
All my thoughts lie open to you gaze
When I walk or lie down, you are before me
Ever the maker and keeper of my days

(O God, you search Me - Song by Bernadette Farrell, based on Psalm 139)

Father God, we thank you that your unchanging love is everlasting.