

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
That we may share in the song of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds,
And worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
And open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
And good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing,
which Christ brings
And teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us
Happy to be thy children
And Christmas evening bring us
To our beds with grateful thoughts
Forgiving and forgiven
For Jesus sake
Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson

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Christ born for us,
Son of God, given for us,
help us to know you,
to worship and to serve you.
Amen.

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Heavenly lord,
The kings brought
myrrh, frankincense, and gold.
Lord, we have nothing of our own to bring;
we bring you what you have given:
our lives for your life.
Amen.

God of reconciliation and grace,
you promise us a world where all is new,
where love is born when hope is gone,
where broken relationships
are restored to wholeness.

May we live as people
who know your story of love,
and may we have the vision
to imagine what could be possible
if we dared to live this story.
God of abundant life,
may we be witnesses of love,
hope and peace,
and co-creators of your life in the world.

Amen

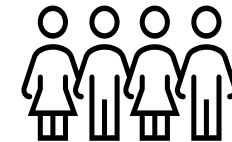
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Let the just rejoice,
for their justifier is born.
Let the sick and infirm rejoice,
For their saviour is born.
Let the captives rejoice,
For their Redeemer is born.
Let slaves rejoice,
for their Master is born.
Let free men rejoice,
For their Liberator is born.
Let All Christians rejoice,
For Jesus Christ is born.
St. Augustine of Hippo

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If you have any suggested items for inclusion in
the January prayer Diary, please pass these to
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St Bartholomew's Church
Ducklington

Prayer Diary

December 2023



Now the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace
in believing that
ye may abound in hope,
through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13

And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.' **Luke 2:10**

December 2023

Let us pray

Frid 1st: for **the situation in Gaza**; for the humanitarian relief; for compassion.

Sat 2nd: for **the remaining hostages** held by Hamas in Gaza; for their families.

Sun 3rd: for our **ministry team**: Andrea, Dave, Johan, Roy and Mary.

Mon 4th: for our **government**; for compassion and wisdom.

Tues 5th: for the work of the **Pastoral Team**.

Wed 6th: for the **asylum seekers** living at the hotel; for their families.

Thurs 7th: for everyone living on **Fritillary Mews** in Ducklington.

Frid 8th: for everyone involved in **Messy Church** today.

Sat 9th: for the **Brize Singers** and everyone attending their concert this evening.

Sun 10th: for everyone at our **Christingle Service**; for the work of the **Children's Society**.

Mon 11th: for our **exhausted NHS staff**.

Tues 12th: for those on **waiting lists for treatment**; for those in pain.

Wed 13th: for those leading and attending the **Advent Study Group**.

Thurs 14th: for the work at **Warm Welcome Space**.

Frid 15th: for those caught up in the **war in Ukraine**.

Sat 16th: for our church wardens: **Gill and Martin**.

Sun 17th: for the **Carol Service** today.

Mon 18th: for **those in financial difficulties** particularly at this time.

Tues 19th: for our **school children, their parents and teachers** at their various services in church today.

Wed 20th: for the **carol singing** around the village this evening.

Thurs 21st: for the **Strange family** today as they mourn **Jan**.

Frid 22nd: for **those who are homeless** at this time.

Sat 23rd: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world at this Christmas time particularly **Christians in the middle East**.

Sun 24th: for the children and parents at the **Crib Service** this Christmas Eve.

Mon 25th: for our **celebration of Christ's miraculous and wonderful birth**.

Tues 26th: for the **elderly, housebound and lonely** at this time of celebration.

Wed 27th: for those who have **recently been bereaved**.

Thurs 28th: for **families in crisis** due to redundancy or divorce.

Frid 29th: for everyone living in **Mill Meadow** in Ducklington.

Sat 30th: for our overstretched **emergency services**.

Sun 31st: for **ourselves** as we contemplate a **new year** and continue our journey with Christ.

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May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the Angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the Magi
and the peace of the Christ Child.
May Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.
Amen