

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.

Saint Augustine of Hippo

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Lord our God,

We commend to you in prayer this day all
who suffer because they have no shelter,
those who sleep in our streets and public spaces,
who have nowhere safe to lay their heads.

We pray for broken families who cannot pay the
rent, for those who are lost and abandoned, for
those on the street whose minds have been
touched by illness and those driven into
homelessness through crushing poverty.

God of Compassion,
your love for us is revealed in your beloved son
Jesus, who was born into homelessness,
lived with nowhere to lay his head
and died for us on the cross.

Inspire us to act in justice, to right the wrongs of
those people who are suffering, the deprivations
of homelessness, and to see in them the dignity
of a brother and sister redeemed by Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley

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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.

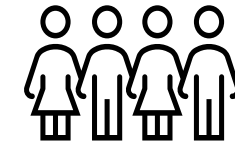
Robert Louis Stevenson

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Prayer Diary

December 2024



The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living
in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

December 2024

Let us pray

Sun 1st: for **Saman Rezaeinia and his family** as he is baptised today.

Mon 2nd: for the family and friends of **Robert Batts** as they come together for his funeral this afternoon.

Tues 3rd: for the first zoom session to help us to rediscover the **"Magic of Christmas"**.

Wed 4th: for everyone living on **Witney Road** in Ducklington.

Thurs 5th: for those joining together at **Warm Welcome Space** today.

Frid 6th: for the **Christmas Tree festival** this weekend.

Sat 7th: for the **Brize Singers Concert** this evening and all who attend.

Sun 8th: for the **Christingle Service** this evening remembering particularly the work of the **Children's Society**.

Mon 9th: for the work of the **Pastoral Team**; for those they support and the help offered.

Tues 10th: for **the war in Gaza**; for mercy, restraint and forgiveness.

Wed 11th: for **the war in Ukraine**; for the wounded, the homeless, the terrified.

Thurs 12th: for **President Putin and Russia**; for restraint, compassion and peace.

Frid 13th: for the work of **Open Doors** supporting the Persecuted Church.

Sat 14th: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world especially for the **Christian community in Israel**.

Sun 15th: for our **Carol Service** this afternoon and all who join us.

Mon 16th: for everyone living on **Dale Walk** in Ducklington.

Tues 17th: for the **Primary School**: children and staff joining for their Christmas celebrations today.

Wed 18th: for everyone joining the **Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree** this evening.

Thurs 19th: for all the gentlemen joining the **Men's Group Christmas Dinner** this evening.

Frid 20th: for the **Primary School** children, families and staff as school finishes today.

Sat 21st: for our **Church Wardens: Tricia and Martin**.

Sun 22nd: for **Andrea and the ministry team** especially over this busy period.

Mon 23rd: for **those struggling** with health issues, loneliness or financially over this Christmas time.

Tues 24th: for everyone celebrating at the **Crib and Midnight services** today.

Wed 25th: **Hallelujah Christ is Born today**.

Thurs 26th: for **the homeless both here and abroad** especially this winter; for the work of the charities who help.

Frid 27th: for the work of the **Witney Food Bank** and the **Trussel Trust**; let us remember how fortunate we are in our comfortable lives.

Sat 28th: for everyone living on **Moors Close** in Ducklington.

Sun 29th: for **Church leaders across the world** as we begin a new year with increasing challenges.

Mon 30th: for the work of the **Citizens Advice West Oxon** and all the people they assist.

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God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.

Amen

Wilda English