

Loving God
We bring before you the sick
and suffering of our world,
all those wrestling with illness
in body, mind or spirit.
Support and strengthen all those
who share the work of healing,
all who strive to bring relief and wholeness to
broken people.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Open wide your door to the one who comes.
Open your soul,
throw open the depths of your heart
to see the riches of simplicity,
the treasures of peace,
the sweetness of grace.

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Christ, for whom there was no room in the inn,
give courage to all who are homeless;
in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Christ, who fled into Egypt,
give comfort to all refugees;
in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Christ, who fasted in the desert,
give relief to all who are starving;
in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Christ, who hung in agony on the cross,
give strength to all who suffer;
in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Lord of the Church hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.

Amen.

Heavenly Father,
your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us,
a great sign of your love.
Guide us as we strive to walk in that love
together as a family this Advent.
As we prepare our hearts for Christmas,
bring us closer to each other and to your son.
Give us the grace and strength
we need every day.
Help us to always trust in you.
Come, Lord Jesus,
lead all people closer to you.
Come and dispel the darkness of our world
with the light of your love.

Amen.

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All-powerful God,
your eternal Word took flesh on our earth
when the Virgin Mary placed her life
at the service of your plan.
Lift our minds in watchful hope
to hear the voice which announces his glory
and open our minds to receive the Spirit
who prepares us for his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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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
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Prayer Diary

December 2025



For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon
his shoulder, and his name will be
called 'Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:14

December 2025

Let us pray

Mon 1st: for the efforts **to gain peace in Ukraine**; for Ukraine, Russia and USA.

Tues 2nd: for the work of the **Food Bank** and all who use it especially at this time.

Wed 3rd: for the **Pastoral Team** and all those providing us with pastoral care.

Thurs 4th: for those joining together at **Warm Welcome Space** today.

Frid 5th: for the **Messy Church** today.

Sat 6th: for everyone involved in and visiting the **Christmas Tree Festival** this weekend.

Sun 7th: for our **Christingle** Service today; for the work of **the Children's Society**.

Mon 8th: for everyone living on **Church Street** in Ducklington.

Tues 9th: for those from our **church community** currently in **hospital or recovering from surgery**.

Wed 10th: for the **Men's Group** meeting for a Christmas meal tomorrow evening.

Thurs 11th: for the **Scouts and Sea Cadets Carol Service at Cokethorpe** chapel today.

Frid 12th: for our **Church Wardens: Tricia and Martin**.

Sat 13th: for everyone attending the **Carol Service** tomorrow.

Sun 14th: for the **Avent/Epiphany Group** starting in church today.

Mon 15th: for everyone living on **The Square** in Ducklington.

Tues 16th: for the **Primary School** children, staff, and parents celebrating Christmas in church today.

Wed 17th: for our **village** as we join together to sing carols around the Christmas tree.

Thurs 18th: for everyone across the county joining the **Civic Carol Service** today.

Frid 19th: for **families** in crisis or those struggling with cost of living as the school holidays begin.

Sat 20th: for our **Emergency Services** during this holiday time.

Sun 21st: for **Andrea and the ministry team**; for all the work they do during this busy and special period.

Mon 22nd: for **homeless people** both here and across the world especially during this cold winter.

Tues 23rd: for the work of **Shelter, Centre Point, The Salvation Army** and the many charities bringing relief to the homeless.

Wed 24th: for everyone at the **Crib Service** this evening.

Thurs 25th: let us rejoice together as we celebrate the **Birth of Christ**.

Frid 26th: for **the lonely and housebound** at this time; for **families who cannot be together** due to distance or illness.

Sat 27th: for the work of **Churches Together in Witney** sharing a prayer breakfast this morning.

Sun 28th: for our **Christian Brethren** across the world who cannot celebrate Christ's birth openly.

Mon 29th: for the work of **Open Doors** and the **Bible Society** supporting the persecuted church.

Tues 30th: for everyone living on **Back Lane** in Ducklington.

Wed 31st: for **ourselves** as we walk into the New Year **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.
Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.

Amen