

December's Prayers are interspersed with verses from Psalm 103

The Loving Father is listening.

1. "Praise the Lord, my soul! All my being praise His holy name!"
2. Pray for wisdom and discernment at the Bures School Governors meeting tonight.
3. "Praise the Lord, my soul and do not forget how kind He is."
4. Pray that Storehouse receives a very generous amount of donations, so that all those who are needy can receive plenty of food at this wintry time of year.
5. "The Lord forgives all my sins and heals all my illnesses."
6. **Second Sunday after Advent.** Pray that, whether in church or online, many will attend these services and so come to experience the love and presence of Christ.
7. "The Lord is merciful and loving, slow to become angry and full of constant love."
8. Pray for all who are elderly or isolated and so may be feeling very vulnerable at this difficult time, especially as so many social events have been cancelled.
9. "As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is His love for those who honour Him."
10. Pray for Daniel and Emilia and the Friendship Church in Russe. May the Lord bless their ministry among the poor and defenceless.
11. "As a father is kind to his children, so the Lord is kind to those who worship Him."
12. Pray that any vaccines which become available can be quickly given to those who are most in need.
13. **Third Sunday after Advent.** "But for those who honour the Lord, His love lasts forever, and His goodness endures for all generations."
14. Pray for our local and national government, that the Lord may direct each and every one of their policies to be for the good of all.
15. "The Lord's throne is in Heaven and He is king over all creation."
16. Pray for the NHS and all key workers that they be given the stamina and compassion to carry out their roles in the community.
17. "Praise the Lord you strong and mighty angels, who obey His commands and listen to what He says."
18. Pray for Bures School's pupils and teachers, as they begin the Christmas holiday. May this be a time of rest and enjoyment for all.
19. "May all creation in heaven and on earth praise the Lord."
20. **Fourth Sunday after Advent.** Pray for the Lord's love and comfort to surround all those for whom the celebration of Christmas is difficult; for those who are ill, bereaved, or lonely and especially for children in care.
21. "Praise and trust the Lord to lead us through Advent and beyond. He is our eternal guide."
22. Pray that, as Christmas approaches, this can be a healing time for those family relationships which experience tensions.
23. Pray for and give thanks for Steve and all our ministry team, as they lead us in our Christmas worship.
24. **Christmas Eve.** Pray that many people who don't normally attend a church service will feel drawn to be part of one this year.
25. **Christmas Day.** Hallelujah! "For unto us a child is born and the Government will be upon His shoulders."
26. Pray for all those around the world, who, like St. Stephen, are facing persecution, because of their Christian faith.
27. **First Sunday after Christmas.** "Praise the Lord whose constant love reaches the heavens and enfolds us here on earth."
28. Pray for our benefice community, that we may be a beacon of hope and comfort to those around us, especially the vulnerable.
29. Give thanks to the Lord for His Word and ask for protection for those who spread the Good News of Jesus around the world.
30. Pray for the Father's guidance and blessing for our whole nation, as we embark on a new chapter of our history.
31. Pray that, as one year ends and another begins, that we can go forward in faith, knowing that the Lord is by our side, every minute of the day and night.

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