

Prayer Calendar

December 2025

**Monday, 1
December**

Lord of Creation, at this time of year when we are particularly surrounded by consumerism, help us to reflect upon the environmental and ethical impacts of our purchases and to choose, where we can, to reduce our impact and waste.

**Tuesday, 2
December**

God of love, surround all those we love, and those who we can no longer see. Be light in our darkness, be hope in our fear, be love in every moment, and give us grace to face each day ahead.

**Wednesday, 3
December**

Inclusive God, we ask that you honour the gifts that every one of your children offers the world, as Christ honoured both the lavish gifts from the wise men and the humble gifts of the shepherd.

**Thursday, 4
December**

Lord God, help us to so reflect your perfect love, that we may rule ourselves according to your Word, and serve you with our whole heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Friday, 5
December**

Jesus, Light of the World, inspire those preparing for and leading services and events in churches, schools, chaplaincies and communities across our diocese this month. May the story of the nativity come alive for people of all ages this Christmas.

**Saturday, 6
December**

Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks that you are for us medicine when we are sick; strength when we need help; life itself when we fear death; the way when we long for heaven; light when all is dark and our food when we need nourishment.

**Sunday, 7
December
Second
Sunday of
Advent**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

**Monday, 8
December**

Creator God, as we give thanks for the life of Mary, mother of Jesus, our Lord, help us, like her, to live lives of humble, courageous obedience to your will so that we may glorify your name.

**Tuesday, 9
December**

Loving God, as children from around our diocese gather to worship with Bishop Michael, we ask that their worship catches the wind of your Holy Spirit and is a source of inspiration and joy.

**Wednesday, 10
December**

God of rest, as we approach a season of busyness, may you still our hearts and quieten our minds to bring the deep peace of the promise of your birth into our minds and enable us to draw strength from the true meaning of your immense gift to us.

**Thursday, 11
December**

Faithful God, we bring before you those who offer acts of service to people across our diocese in so many ways, seen and unseen. We give thanks for their witness and ask you to build us up as the Body of Christ.

**Friday, 12
December**

Storyteller Jesus, may we live and tell your story in churches, homes and schools this Advent. May there be no one left not knowing the story of your coming into our world, and may the love, joy and peace you bring be experienced by many.

**Saturday, 13
December**

O Blessed Jesus, give us stillness of soul in you. Let your mighty calmness reign in us. Rule us, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace. (Based on prayer attributed to St John of the Cross)

**Sunday, 14
December
Third
Sunday of
Advent**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, 15
December**

Faithful God may the love, joy and peace of Christmas tide be a blessing to Readers across our Diocese, as they minister to people in the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. May their ministry be a blessing to all they encounter.

**Tuesday, 16
December**

Jesus, Lord of all, we give thanks for churchwardens across our diocese as they offer care and leadership for churches and communities. May they be blessed and sustained in their ministry.

**Wednesday,
17 December**

Loving God, as we remember the founder of Save the Children, we give thanks for all who have stepped out in faith to serve those in need, and to enable others to join in with that work. Inspire us to do likewise.

**Thursday, 18
December**

Lord of our souls, we remember those we have loved who now reside with you and we hold close those who experience grief at this time of year. Give them strength to face the festive period and hope in your promise of eternal life.

**Friday, 19
December**

Creator God, as we continue our Advent journey be with us each day, ground us in your peace, guide us with your wisdom and encourage us in the hope of Emmanuel.

**Saturday, 20
December**

Lord Jesus, who came to give sight to the blind we pray for all those who in one way or another, are searching for direction in life. May they know the peace of this season and hope in the Light of the world.

**Sunday, 21
December
Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, 22
December**

Emmanuel, God with us. As we sing your praises through familiar carols and retell the amazing story of Jesus coming into our world, we pray that your kingdom may come and your will be done in our communities this Christmas.

**Tuesday, 23
December**

Loving God, we pray for people across our diocese who will be working during the Christmas period, in whatever way. We ask that as they serve others, they may be gifted glimpses of your divine love so that they are sustained and inspired by your presence.

**Wednesday,
24 December
Christmas Eve**

Creative God, we give thanks for all will help people worship you through music over this Christmas time. We pray that through the gift of music, something of your incalculable love may be felt and understood.

**Thursday, 25
December**

Christmas Day

Holy God, who sent your Son to earth as a baby, may we appreciate the depth of your love, and as gifts are shared among family and friends, let your unconditional love reach those who are alone this Christmas Day.

**Friday, 26
December
Stephen,
Deacon, First
Martyr**

Holy God, as we remember Stephen, the first Christian martyr, we pray for all those whose faith puts them in danger of persecution or death. Give courage to us as we seek to follow you.

**Saturday, 27
December**

**John, Apostle
and Evangelist**

Beloved God, we pray for those children everywhere who are caught up in the cruelty of the world: in war, in want, in neglect and abuse. May the purity of your love never leave them, may the hope of your love burn fiercely forever in their hearts.

**Sunday, 28
December**

**The Holy
Innocents**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Monday,
29
December**

Eternal God, as we remember Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, we pray for Sarah, our Archbishop designate, as she prepares to take on this historic and challenging role. Help her to be grounded in love for you and your people.

**Tuesday, 30
December**

Heavenly Father we pray for Revd Guy Scott as he also becomes Assistant Priest for the Parishes of Coleford, Holcombe and Kilmersdon. Give him the strength and encouragement he will need as he embarks on this new role. Stay very close to him, Lord.

**Wednesday,
31 December**

As one year ends and we look toward the beginning of another, Father help everyone in our Magnificat* parishes look towards 2026 with the vision of you in their hearts and a renewed passion to share the love of Christ with all they meet. Renew hearts, minds, bodies and souls.

*Our Magnificat parishes are those which are high on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.