

Prayer Booklet - December 2022

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas, Star and Angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love Incarnate, Love Divine,
Worship we our Jesus, But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

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Thursday December 1st - Psalm 118.21,22

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Friday December 2nd - Isaiah 29.19

The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Saturday December 3rd - Matthew 9.36

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Monday December 5th - Psalm 85.8

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Tuesday December 6th - Isaiah 40.9

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Wednesday December 7th - Matthew 11.28-30

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Thursday December 8th - Luke 1.32-33

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Friday December 9th - James 5.7-8

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Saturday December 10th - Matthew 11.2-3

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Monday December 12th - Psalm 25.4-5

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Tuesday December 13th - Zephaniah 3.12b-13

They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord— the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths.

Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Wednesday December 14th - Luke 7.22

And he answered them, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Thursday December 15th - Isaiah 54.10

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Friday December 16th - Romans 1.3-4

the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Saturday December 17th - Matthew 1.18

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Monday December 19th - Psalm 71.5-6

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Tuesday December 20th - Isaiah 7.14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Wednesday December 21st - Luke 1.41-43

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Thursday December 22nd - 1 Samuel 1.27-28

For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Friday December 23rd - Malachi 3.1

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Saturday December 24th - Luke 1.78-79

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

CHRISTMAS DAY. DECEMBER 25th - Luke 2.6-7

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Monday December 26th - Galatians 2.20

and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Tuesday December 27th - 1 John 1.1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Wednesday December 28th - Matthew 2.13

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Thursday December 29th - Luke 2.27-28

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God...

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Friday December 30th - Luke 2.40

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Saturday December 31st - John 1.3-5

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Today: I give thanks for:

I pray for this situation:

I pray for the following person(s):

Let us pray :

Loving God, you made us your children in baptism:
pour out your Spirit upon us, your people,
in 4Rivers Churches in the Diocese of Worcester.
Build up in us your gifts of faith, hope, and love,
that we may grow in faith and in numbers,
proclaim the hope that is in us,
and love you in serving our neighbours;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

