

**20th December/ January**

We thank you for the innocent excitement of young children and pray that we too can be as 'little children'.

**21st December/ January**

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me: when the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea: Lord, who rules the wind and water, stand by me.

**22nd December/ January**

We pray that all veterans who have served our country will have homes and suitable financial support when they return from active service.

**23rd December/ January**

We pray for all with chronic illness that they may receive the help and support they need.

**24th December/ January**

Let the light of faith shine in my heart.

**25th December/ January**

Lord Jesus, we adore you and come at Christmas to worship you. Advent God, give us peace, hope, joy and love. Christmas God, give us rest. God of new beginnings be with us on life's journey.

**26th December/ January**

Help us find space in our busy lives to relax and enjoy 'being', not always doing.

**27th December/ January**

We pray for integrity, truth, compassion and cooperation throughout our local and national government.

**28th December/ January**

We ask your blessing on all who suffer because of natural disasters throughout the world.

**29th December/ January**

We pray for all soldiers, sailors and airmen and their families and for those who suffer physical and mental damage as a result of carrying out their duties.

**30th December/ January**

Thank you for the diversity of traditions and theology which makes up the Church today. We pray for unity.

**31st December/ January**

As we look forward at this time of short days and long nights may we experience the Light of the World as a lamp to our feet.



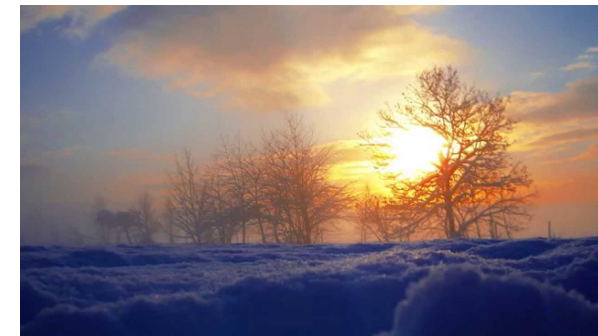
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**PRAYER DIARY  
December 2018  
January 2019**



And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*John 1:14*

### **1st December/ January**

World Aids Day. Please bless all who suffer from AIDS related illnesses. Thank you that progress is being made with suitable medication.

In January we welcome the New Year and pray a blessing on us all in 2019.

### **2nd December/ January**

As we break bread and share wine in the sacrament of Communion, we remember Christ's sacrifice and love for us. Help us to move out into our community with love and commitment to all.

### **3rd December/ January**

We pray for families who are struggling financially over the Festive Season and into the New Year that they will find help and support.

### **4th December/ January**

Thanks for all the good work done by Homestart. May the children enjoy their gifted books.

### **5th December/ January**

O God, grant us your help, in all our perplexities your guidance: In all our dangers your protection and in all our sorrows your peace.

### **6th December/ January**

We pray for church visitors who support the Ministry team and Elders in visiting those who find it difficult to get out much and for those who prepare and deliver CD recordings each month.

### **7th December/ January**

In December we share the anticipation of Advent, looking forward to celebrating the coming of Christ into the world. In January we look forward to the challenges of life in a new year with Christ alongside.

### **8th December/ January**

Sleep in the Park initiative in several of our cities. Please bless this 'social bite' project.

### **9th December/ January**

Loving God, even when you seem to be most absent, you are ever present. Most silent, you are ever speaking; most distant, you are never closer.

### **10th December/ January**

We pray for peace, bringing love instead of hatred, pardon where there is injury, hope instead of despair, and instead of darkness, light and joy.

### **11th December/ January**

We pray for the Foodbank and their initiative 'Jingle Bags' so that all may have festive food for Christmas and continued support into the New Year.

### **12th December/ January**

Help us be conscious of the need to slow down sometimes and give God some space in our lives.

### **13th December/ January**

Remember all volunteers in any walk of life. They do so much to help and are sometimes taken for granted.

### **14th December/ January**

We pray for guidance in using our resources wisely at this time of gift buying, bargains and the pressures of retail therapy.

### **15th December/ January**

Lord, we thank you for the work of the Bethany Night Shelters. Please bless all who need a meal and a safe place to sleep on winter nights and the volunteers who give their time to work in the shelters.

### **16th December/ January.**

Thank you for friends with whom we can share our joys and our sorrows. We pray that those in need of support will receive it from others.

### **17th December/ January**

May Christ's warm welcome shine from our hearts and Christ's own peace prevail throughout this and every day.

### **18th December/ January**

May those suffering from depression be comforted, helped and find hope and purpose in life.

### **19th December/ January**

Thanks for all opportunities given to us to share love.