

Prayers for the 15th December 2024

Today is the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Advent is a season of waiting and wanting, looking and longing, inviting Christ to come once more into our hearts, into our lives and into our world.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for the gift of Jesus. The King of Kings humbled and born as a helpless baby in a smelly stable. We ask that you teach us humility. Holy Spirit scatter our pride before our pride scatters us. Let us centre our life on your love with a deep love for others. Give us a humble heart today.

Thank you for the warmth of our homes and all the many gifts you have given us, Jesus who became a refugee. Be with those who fear for their lives, and those who have left their homes and families this Christmas. We pray for refugees, outcasts, the homeless and all who have given up hope. Thank you that we have hope this Christmas and His name is Jesus.

In all our Christmas services and activities, we ask that your light and love will shine. As a Church we pray that we will see lives transformed through hope in Jesus Christ.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Lord, as we consider the angel Gabriel's words to Mary proclaiming that Nothing is Impossible with God. We bring before you the situations in our minds and hearts that to us seem impossible. Conflicts, pain, and suffering in our relationships, work and world. For some this is a time of despair not hope.

Please fill us with your hope. The hope that Jesus truly is Emmanuel; God with us. The hope that you will bring light into the darkness. The hope that this Good News will reach everyone.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Come Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, bring peace and goodwill this Christmas. We pray that in this busy time we will make room for Jesus, not allowing the pressure and stress of preparations to push you out.

Prince of Peace bring the Peace that passes all understanding so our hearts and minds can rest in your love and find hope in you.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

Lord's Prayer...