

PRAYER DIARY DECEMBER 2021

- 1) Remembering Nenthead and all the other homes without power and give thanks for community spirit.
- 2) Pray for those attending the Eden Court Communion this morning.
- 3) pray for Pennine Praise at Nenthead and the Taize service at Langwathby Chapel on Sunday.
- 4) Remember Gamblesby Christmas fair 11am till 2pm today
- 5) **The 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.**
- 6) Today is the saints day of St Nicholas. Give thanks that one man's generosity is remembered and may we share, not only with family but those less fortunate.
- 7) Pray for All Saints Renwick as they seek funds to repair their roof.
- 8) Today we remember Mary the mother of Jesus and give thanks that she was willing to trust God and be an unmarried mother in the eyes of the world.
- 9) Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth for support during her pregnancy, help us to support young families.
- 10) Pray for Little Acorns as they meet on Sunday.
- 11) Remember the EEMC Choir as it holds its Christmas concert in KO Chapel today 5pm.
- 12) **The 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.**
- 13) Pray that the Christingle in All Saints Culgaith on the 19th at 3-30pm will be well attended.
- 14) Remember St Luke's Ousby Carols on Sunday.
- 15) Pray for Gamblesby Chapel Community Carols.
- 16) Remember St Cuthbert's Great Salkeld and St Oswald's KO village carol services on Sunday.
- 17) Pray for St Peter's Langwathby and St Cuthbert's Eden Hall as they hold their carol services.
- 18) Remember St Oswald's Kirkland as it holds its Christmas services.
- 19) **The 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.**
- 20) Pray that the Christmas Eve walk in KO will be well attended.
- 21) Pray for the Christmas day Holy Communion in Melmerby St John's.
- 22) Remember the Christingle and Carols in the sheep mart Lazonby at 4pm on Christmas Eve.
- 23) **Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- 24) **Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- 25) **Lord Jesus Christ your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.**

26) St Stephen, Deacon and first Martyr. Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us.

27) St John Apostle and Evangelist. Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord.

28) The Holy Innocents. Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace.

29) Pray for all families that they may have found the holiday season a refreshment and joy.

30) Remember all those who have worked through the Christmas season, the Salvation Army, Shelter, Crisis, and all others reaching out to the homeless and disadvantaged.

31) Pray for all those working in the NHS and all those sick at this time.

My thanks to all who have helped me compile this month's Diary.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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