



PRAY, HOPE, LOVE, OBEY, FAITH.

FRIDAY **Colossians 3 verse 17.**

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Heavenly Father, we come to you in the greatness of your love and lift up our hearts in prayer and praise , Help us to pray simply and sincerely, unselfishly and gratefully, remembering the needs of others as well as our own, and giving thanks always for all things In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY **1 John 3 verse 23.**

And this is his commandment: to believe in the name of his son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

Grant us, O God our Father, the love that is always ready to forgive; the love that is always ready to help; the love that delights to give rather than to get. And so grant that, living in love, we may live like Jesus.

Prayers taken from; New Parish Prayers, A Barclay Prayer Book, and Family Prayers., C.F.W. .



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***POWER
OF
PRAYER***

**PRAYER FOCUS AND DIARY
December 2020—January 2021**



PRAYER FOCUS

December 2020

Grant, O Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in your unchangeableness. May we meet this New Year bravely, sure in the faith that while men come and go, and life changes around us, you are ever the same, guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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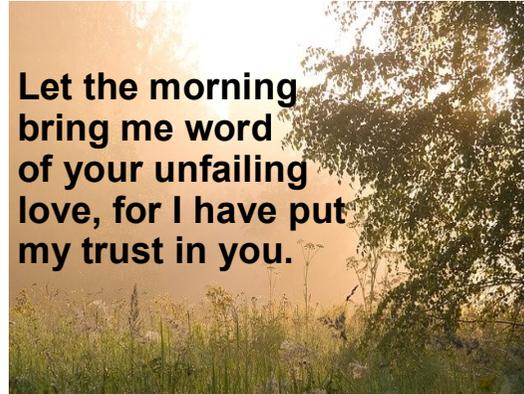
CHRISTMAS
NIGHT 2020.



Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

TUESDAY

Psalm 143 verse 8.



Let the morning
bring me word
of your unfailing
love, for I have put
my trust in you.

Eternal God, whom to love is fullness of joy, help us daily to love you more, that daily we may come nearer to loving you as you first loved us. This we ask for your love's sake. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

Lamentations 3 verse 25.

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him.
To the one who seeks him.

Eternal God, whom to know is life eternal, help us daily to know you better, that daily we may have life more abundantly.

Eternal God, whom to serve is perfect freedom, help us daily to do your will, that in doing your will we may find our peace. Amen.

THURSDAY

Romans 10 verse 17.



- - *Faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through
the word of Christ.*

Lord your word shall guide us and with truth provide us: teach us to receive it and with joy believe it.

O that we discerning its most holy learning, Lord, may love and fear you — evermore be near you!
Amen.

JANUARY 2021

PRAYER FOCUS

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SUNDAY

Psalm 86 verse 11.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

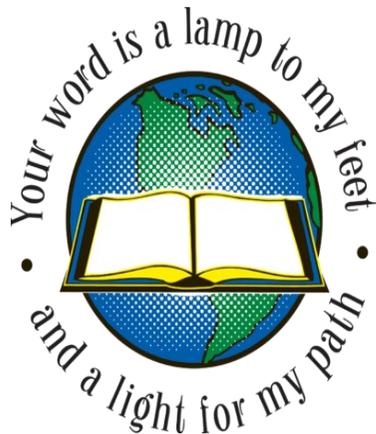


O God, help us to be wise enough to ask for your guidance and to be humble enough to take it; to be willing to listen to your commandments, and then be ready to obey them: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY

Psalm 119 verse 18.

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your Law.



O God, our Father, send out your light and your truth upon us now.
Your light that we may see where we ought to go;
Your truth that we may know what we ought to do,
So that, being guided and taught by you we may make no mistakes: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY

John 1 verse 4.

- - - In him was life, and that life was the light of men.



Saviour, who came to bring on your redeeming wing healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind: O now to all mankind let there be light. Amen.

MONDAY

John 1 verse 9.

The true light that gives light to everyman was coming into the World.

*Lord the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us —
shine on me, shine on me.*

TUESDAY

John 1 verse 12.

- - - to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

O God, whose love has been shown to us in the birth of Jesus our Saviour, help us this Christmas to find time to let your love speak to us; that we may respond to it in trust and adoration, and open our hearts to receive your grace and pardon, your joy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



"PEACE TO YOU"

WEDNESDAY

Luke 1 verses 30 & 31

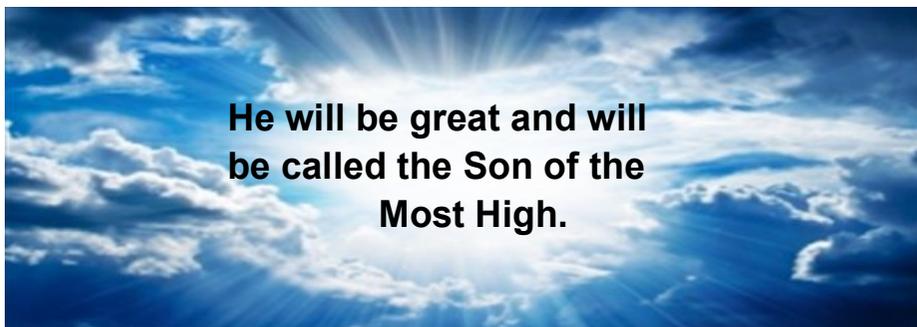


- - - the angel said to her,
“Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found
favour with God. You will be with child
and give birth to a son, and you are to
give him the name Jesus”.

Lord, help us to approach the Christmas story with a fresh sense of wonder as we think of Jesus: the Son of God, yet born of Mary; the incarnate Word, yet a child without speech; the Lord of Glory, yet a baby cradled in a manger. Thanks be to you, O God, for your gift is beyond words! Amen.

THURSDAY

Luke 1 verse 32.



**He will be great and will
be called the Son of the
Most High.**

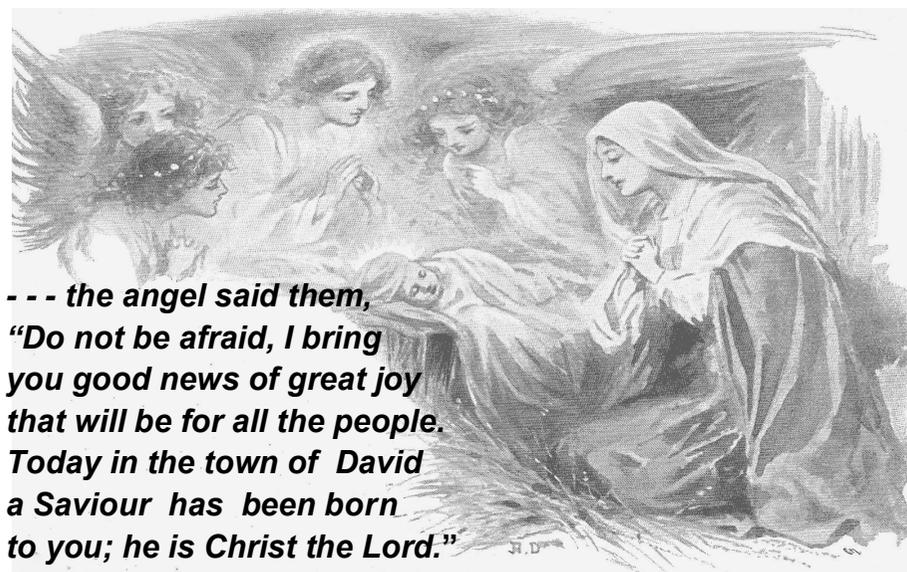
You are our God, beyond all praising, yet for love's sake, became a man; stooping so low, but sinners raising heavenwards, by your eternal plan: you are our God, beyond all praising, yet for love's sake, became a man.

Amen.

*JESUS, BE THE CENTRE, BE MY WORLD,
BE MY LIFE, JESUS.*

FRIDAY

Luke 2 verses 10 & 11.



- - - the angel said them,
“Do not be afraid, I bring
you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.
Today in the town of David
a Saviour has been born
to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

Lord, we know the Christmas story so well. Help us to understand it better. Make it more real to us, so that with Mary and Joseph we may journey in faith to Bethlehem, with the shepherds we may hear again the good tidings of a Saviour's birth, and with the angels we may glorify your holy name. So give us new joy in our Christmas worship, and fill our hearts with wonder, love and praise. Amen.

SATURDAY

John 1 verse 14.

The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Thank you, our Father, for Bethlehem and for its message of Love incarnate, Love divine.

Shed that love abroad in our hearts and homes this Christmas time, and help us to reflect it in our worship, in our family life, and in all that we try to do to help those in need. We ask it in our Saviour's name. Amen.