

Thank you for using these prayers to support our local, national and global communities, and thank you to everyone who has contributed prayers and ideas this month. **Highlighted words** are links to Bible readings or other material. The **green country names** remind us of countries at various stages of their Covid journey. Please share ideas for December's diary with Kirsteen Robson, ideally by 15<sup>th</sup> November ([prayerdiary@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto:prayerdiary@stmaryswarwick.org.uk) or 07799 682872). If you know anyone who would like a paper copy but can't get one, or if you would like to receive the diary by email, please contact Kirsteen (details above).

### Sun 1

All Saints' Day

...Belgium  
Poland

We give thanks for all those apostles, prophets, evangelists, missionaries and martyrs whose lives were, and are, dedicated to following the narrow path of courageous discipleship. Inspire and strengthen us, Lord, to follow their example; to be 'in the world, but not of the world' (Col. 3:2) in glorifying your name and spreading the Gospel of hope and love, without counting the personal cost.

### Mon 2

All Souls' Day

Russia  
Iran  
Mexico

We remember with love and reverence those whose time on earth has come to an end. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. We offer our prayers for those who have died alone this year, during Covid restrictions, leaving friends and family bereft of the chance to say goodbye in the way that they would have wanted. Lord, may our prayers sow the seeds of their healing.

### Tue 3

Indonesia  
Slovakia  
Germany

On World Sandwich Day we remember all who own or work in our local sandwich bars and small cafés where trade is affected dramatically by home-working and fewer visitors to the area. Sustain them in spirit while those who are able do what they can to sustain them in business. We pray especially for the staff of Subway in Swan Street which closed recently.

### Wed 4

Slovenia  
India

Heavenly Father, we pray today for our brothers and sisters in the USA as they await the results of the presidential election. We ask that in the weeks and months ahead, the American people would come together in peace and harmony, seeking to serve you and to serve each other.

### Thu 5

Hungary

This Bonfire Night we remember the work of **Warwick Lions** and **Warwick Rotary** as their annual fundraising Town Bonfire and Firework Show is unable to take place. We pray too that all who celebrate with fires or fireworks at home may do so safely.

### Fri 6

Georgia

We pray for all affected by stress and anxiety, especially those without easy access to relief through nature and safe green spaces, positive social contacts, healthy lifestyles or meaningful activities. Show us where and how we can help others bear their burden.

## Sat 7

Bangladesh  
UAE  
USA  
Belarus

Lord of all, as people meet online this morning for the **Churches Together in Warwick** monthly Prayer Breakfast, we ask you to bless, deepen and spread their desire to enable Churches to pray, worship and work together to share your Gospel message and help grow your Kingdom. With them we thank you for Rev Diane's contribution during her three years as CTW Moderator, and pray for your blessing on Rev Jonathan as he takes on the role.

## Sun 8

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
before Advent**  
Remembrance  
Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday we pay tribute to all who have served and sacrificed to defend our nation, and in this special year for our Veterans, we remember in particular the men and women of The Second World War Generation. We give thanks with those paying their respects in churches, at War Memorials and scaled-down Covid-safe parades and with all who are remembering at home on-screen, on air or on their doorstep.

## Mon 9

Lithuania

*Creator God, awaken our praise and our gratitude; give us the grace to feel intimately united to all that exists. (Taizé)* Grant wisdom to the UK government as it makes decisions this month about the funding of fossil fuels overseas, and tackling plastic pollution.

## Tue 10

Pakistan  
Latvia  
Bolivia  
Estonia

Lord, we ask for your blessing on **Scotty's Little Soldiers** who marched so proudly past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday last year. We pray for all children who have lost parents serving in the Armed Forces. As the charity continues to reach out to more bereaved British Forces Families across the UK we thank you also for all who have helped with fundraising.

## Wed 11

**Remembrance Day**  
Belize

As we observe the two-minute silence we stand united with others around the country remembering those who came home from war and conflict and those who never returned. We give thanks for all who have given so much to offer our nation a positive future and hope for a peaceful world.

## Thu 12

San Marino  
Singapore

As people bring gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child to The Entertainer we thank you for their desire to share Christmas joy and hope with children in need around the world. Holy Spirit, we pray that children would be given and receive the message that you love them unequivocally and unconditionally.

## Fri 13

New Zealand  
Thailand

Loving God, we thank you for 40 years of **Children in Need**, for all who've taken part in fundraising events (including Countryfile Ramble 2020) and for all the children who have benefited. We pray that, even in this Covid year, Pudsey's love will inspire people to find ways to raise money for the 3000 projects the charity supports.

## Sat 14

Hong Kong  
Taiwan  
Caribbean  
Netherlands

We give thanks that Helping Hands Gateway Café has reopened and pray that people will respond to their invitation to step over the threshold whether to eat in, take away or buy a suspended meal for someone in need. Thank you too for the Salvation Army who have opened their Back on Track community café in the hope that service users and members of the wider community will meet face to face. Lord, hear their prayer.

## Sun 15

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
before Advent

Bhutan  
Brazil

Lord, we pray for all young people who have to take on the role of an adult in order to care for a family member. We pray for **Warwickshire Young Carers** who give support and help to young people and their families. Uphold all who are involved in offering comfort via technology at this challenging time when regular visits and respite provision are not possible. We pray that those who would have donated on Outward Giving Sunday at St Mary's will still find ways to support this vital service.

## Mon 16

France  
Spain  
Colombia

Lord Jesus, Master Carpenter, we pray for all experiencing job insecurity: those who are not protected by government schemes, whose occupation is not deemed to be 'viable' or whose employers or businesses are struggling. We pray that businesses may find ways to sustain the provision of work and that new businesses may emerge to create new employment.

## Tue 17

UK  
South Africa  
Italy

Generous God who has shared all of creation with us, thank you that the success of the Heritage Weekend Open Days has inspired volunteers to reopen the **Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden** to visitors on their regular volunteer days. Bless all who have been working hard behind the scenes to restore and tend the garden, and donating fresh produce to Helping Hands.

## Wed 18

Chile

Lord, we pray for all who live and work in St Michael's Road, Antelope Gardens, Welton Road, Saltisford Gardens, Rothwell Road and Birmingham Road. Please uphold them in these difficult times and reveal yourself to be the source of true hope.

## Thu 19

Iraq  
Turkey

Word in the World, we thank you for the increasing ways that technology can help people read the Bible, pray and worship, remembering especially The Book of Common Prayer, now accessible via Voice Activation services. We pray too that the ministry to those without digital access will never be overlooked.

## Fri 20

Saudi Arabia  
Ecuador  
Switzerland

As **Molly Olly's Wishes** settles into its first office headquarters in Swan Street, we give thanks for all the charity has achieved and pray for Molly's family, the staff and all those seeking help. Please bless the charity as it continues to support sick children and their families and seeks ways to raise the necessary funds when Covid restrictions prevent so many of their usual events.

## Sat 21

Qatar  
Portugal

As part of our VJ75 commemorations we give thanks for The Japanese Peace Garden that has been planted by school children in Coventry. We pray that those who sit there awhile will feel the presence of your healing love, especially those who are still struggling with the physical and mental wounds of war.

## Sun 22

Christ the King  
Sunday next  
before Advent

Christ the King, as a royal shepherd of the people you are leading us to the kingdom of your Father – a kingdom that is not to be an exclusive one, for you are King of all who are on the side of truth and grace and who listen to your voice. Thank you for bringing us out of darkness into your kingdom of light. Help us bow down and worship you with all that we are.

## Mon 23

Oman  
Egypt  
Lebanon

We pray for everyone who has family or friends in care homes. Thank you for all who are working in the care sector and we pray for all who are feeling under pressure as they face the challenges of the winter season. Bless the efforts of Age UK, Amnesty UK, John's Campaign and others working at all levels to rebuild the UK care system, that it may preserve dignity, safety and quality of life for all.

## Tue 24

Jordan  
Tunisia  
Greece  
Luxembourg  
Namibia

As we pray with prisoners this month, Spirit of grace and truth, we ask for your constant presence through the days, weeks, months and years of imprisonment. For your steady refusal to be shut out by cell walls, steel doors or reluctant and stubborn hearts. Break through the fear and isolation, shatter all pretence and deceit, guide our thoughts and actions, setting before us the example of Jesus the prisoner. Bring us face to face with the unlimited and sacrificial love of God for all his children, so we can all know we are not alone.

## Wed 25

Mozambique  
Uganda

God of love and peace, protect, comfort and strengthen all who are at risk from serious harm at home, especially when violence, harassment and abuse increase during the pandemic. Rouse us all to take action against domestic violence, to help ensure homes and communities across the world are safe for all.

## Thu 26

Maldives  
Tajikistan  
Angola

We give thanks for the CMM Sisters in Tanzania and Zambia, and continue to give thanks and pray for their protection while Covid and food insecurity remain a threat. We give thanks too for the work of the **African Sisters of Mary Support Group**, and ask you to bless the Trustees and especially Mark Kingaby-Daly, who has recently joined them.

## Fri 27

As Christmas lights are switched on at 5.45pm in town centres and homes across the district, guide us all that we may prepare for Christmas with compassion, courage and common sense.

## Sat 28

Sri Lanka  
Haiti  
Gabon  
Jamaica  
Cabo Verde

We pray for people of all ages who are feeling isolated, remembering those who are missing choirs, exercise classes and other social clubs and activities. We give a big hurra for the recent launch of a **Men's Shed** in Warwick, providing a safe space where men (and women) over 30 can share conversation, skills and knowledge and enjoy refreshments. May the seeds of fun and fellowship grow into a flourishing and supportive community.

## Sun 29

**First Sunday  
of Advent**

Help us, Lord, to remain watchful at all times for your coming to a world burdened by gloom and the shadow of death. Strengthen our faith during our Advent journeys, so that we may stand with confidence as witnesses to the Light that cannot be vanquished by the darkness. The Light that will set us free to live in joyful hope. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

## Mon 30

Andrew, apostle  
Zimbabwe

Lord, on this Feast of Andrew, encourage us with the example of St Andrew, your first-called apostle and brother of St Peter. Help us to respond without delay when you call, and as when our saint recognised you as the Messiah, so lead us to recognise your loving, saving presence in the world.