

WEDNESDAY 20th

Father God, in this season of Advent, inspire us to be people of hope. Fill us with strength and boldness according to your promises, that we might reach out to others with Your love. Lord, be with us we pray.

THURSDAY 21st

God our Comforter, we are promised that everything, even discomfort and inconvenience, has meaning in Your plan. Like Joseph and Mary, may we live each day by faith, trusting that You are in charge.

FRIDAY 22nd

'May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13
Lord, we pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us every day so that we can experience Jesus' love and guidance and share the hope in our hearts with others.

JESUS CHRIST

SATURDAY 23rd

God our Father, every year we rejoice as we look forward to this feast of our salvation. May we welcome Christ as our Redeemer, and meet Him with confidence when He comes to be our judge,

SUNDAY 24th

Lord Jesus, You took on the weakness of our human condition, be light now for those who do not see, strength for the wavering and comfort for the troubled of heart.

MONDAY 25th

God of Love, on this day when we celebrate the birth of Your Son, may we take another step closer to each other in friendship and love. With Your guidance, help us to be more loving and thoughtful. Bless us with the warmth of Your great love for us and help us to remember to look for the light of Your love in each other. A very happy Christmas to us all!

TUESDAY 26th

Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing joy into the world by the miracle birth of Your son. Thank You for the assurance that all who believe in Jesus can know that we will spend eternity with You.

WEDNESDAY 27th

Lord of all, Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

THURSDAY 28th

Jesus Christ, born in a stable, be with the poor and homeless this Christmas time. As we pray, shine your everlasting light on those who are suffering from cold, loneliness, pain and discomfort.

FRIDAY 29th

Jesus Christ, born of Mary, be with young mothers across the world this Christmas time. Be with those who fear for their lives, and those who have left homes and families this Christmas.

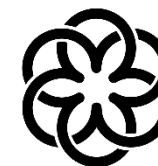
BUSINESS / EMPLOYMENT / JOBS

SATURDAY 30th

Almighty God, we thank You for all jobs and employment. May we find joy in toil and difficulty as well as in pleasure and success.

SUNDAY 31st

Lord, fill all employees with physical and spiritual energy so that they will be the best employees they can be in this coming year. Give them eyes of faith to see from a heavenly perspective as they do their work.



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

DECEMBER Prayer Diary



'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!' 2 Corinthians 5:17

ADVENT

'Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.' Isaiah 42:1

FRIDAY 1st

Almighty God, prepare our hearts to receive the gift of Jesus. We pray that we do not get distracted by the trivial things of this season but remain focused on You.

SATURDAY 2nd

Loving Father, as we warm our houses this winter, may our lives be a place of warmth and openness. Help us to overflow with spiritual gifts as we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY 3rd

Father God, in this very busy time, may we find the time to rest in Your presence and bring Your peace to our homes, to our churches, our workplaces and our hearts.

MONDAY 4th

Loving Father, in a season where every heart should be happy and light, many struggle with the heaviness of life. We pray for Your peace for everyone.

TUESDAY 5th

Father God, help us to make this season of Advent an offering of praise to You. Help us to hear Your voice and be aware of Your grace in our lives.

WEDNESDAY 6th

Merciful Father, we need Your peace in a world where worry, fear and doubt prevail. May this time of Advent be filled with light instead of darkness, kindness instead of hatred and friendship instead of loneliness.

THURSDAY 7th

Lord, as we prepare for the holiday with gifts to be bought and wrapped, remind us of the gift You gave us when You sent Your Son to bring justice to the world. Restore us to the wonder that comes with the birth of Jesus and make us like the shepherds, obedient to Your call.

FRIDAY 8th

God of Heaven and Earth, we pray that the carols sung in churches this day and in schools, halls and venues throughout the week send a clear message of joy and hope to all who sing and listen.

JEALOUSY

'For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.'
James 3:16

SATURDAY 9th

God of Power, help us to be free of all envy and jealousy. May we look to You alone for all we need. Guide our thoughts to Your ways.

SUNDAY 10th

God of us all, set us free from the thoughts that consume our minds causing jealousy to arise. Substitute the negativity in our hearts with Your peace and Your love. May we rejoice when good news comes to others as Elizabeth rejoiced when Mary shared the wonderful news of God's special blessing.

MONDAY 11th

Father God, help us not to be envious of our neighbours, our families or our friends but rather to encourage them. Cleanse us of anything that breaks Your heart and help us to live a righteous life.

TUESDAY 12th

Loving Lord we know that the jealousies of the flesh are ruinous and evil and are abhorrent in Your eyes and yet You display a good and godly jealousy over Your children, and the things that are precious in Your sight. Thank You Lord that You are jealous in that way over Your love for us.

WEDNESDAY 13th

Loving Father forgive us for feelings of jealousy which are not righteous but detrimental to our wellbeing, our health and our relationships. May we not look at the attributes and achievements of others and wish we had their gifts and graces. Help us to develop an attitude of contentment and peace, which only comes from You.

THURSDAY 14th

Father God, forgive us for our jealous thoughts and help us to develop an attitude of gratitude for all that we have. We pray that You would give us the grace to change our thoughts from those of envy and jealousy to right thinking.

FRIDAY 15th

Loving Father, we know that all good things come from You and we pray that in Your grace You would seek out those that do not yet know You but who desire to turn from their envious and jealous attitudes. Draw them into a saving relationship with You, Lord Jesus.

HOPE

'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about that which we do not see.'

Hebrews 11:1

SATURDAY 16th

God of hope who brought love into the world with the birth of Your son Jesus Christ, be the love that dwells between us. Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas and the promise of a Saviour.

SUNDAY 17th

God our Saviour, in this season of Advent, inspire us to be people of hope. Encourage us not to be greedy for material possessions but for justice and truth. Lord, be with us we pray.

MONDAY 18th

God our Creator, in this season of Advent, inspire us to be people of hope. Stir within us a desire to fight for the survival of Your creation and to appreciate the immense beauty of the world. Lord, be with us we pray.

TUESDAY 19th

Loving Father, in this season of Advent, inspire us to be people of hope. Enflame us with a love for others that crosses boundaries of race, religion and nationality. Lord, be with us we pray.