

Prayer Calendar 30th November - 6th December

Opening prayer:

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Loving God,
at this time of crisis
when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.
Lead us through these parched and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus:

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Prayer

Visit this place, O Lord we pray,
And drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
May your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
And may your blessing be always upon us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Monday 30th November

Psalm 96

John 1.35-42

We give God thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of teachers and all those involved in serving children and young people in education. We pray that all might be nurtured and cared for and that every needful resource would be made available – that all lives can flourish even in these difficult times and that no-one would be overlooked.

We pray for our local schools including:
Cadcote Academy
English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College
Hartlepool Sixth Form College

We pray for Jess from the Communities of Hope Team as she works with local schools and for all the Christingle services zooming into our school before Christmas.

We Pray for streets in our Parishes including:
Elm Grove, South Dive, Coniscliffe Road
Drayton Road, Sinclair Road, Masefield Road
Holt Street, Lister Street, Colwyn Road

We pray for the Community Integrated Intervention Programme set up by the Anglican Council of Malawi. The programme promotes community awareness of the importance of girls' education and issues around early marriage and early pregnancy. It has established girls' after school clubs to provide additional support and encouragement. Over 1000 girls have already been helped with their literacy. It also trains community based HIV counsellors.

The programme provides seedlings to set up tree nurseries and offers training in how to reduce environmental damage. It supports rural communities and farmers' groups.

Let us give thanks for the staff of the Anglican Council of Malawi for their hard work and support of girls' education, management of the environment and the protection of livelihoods.

(USPG)

Tuesday 1st December

Psalm 75

Matthew 12.22-37

We echo God's commitment to those most at risk of this virus by praying today for those who are particularly vulnerable and isolated: praying for their deliverance, protection and comfort.

We hold before God those who care for them – that they would be strengthened and encouraged in this work.

We pray for all the people who are sleeping rough in Hartlepool, all those who attend Hartlepool Food Bank and St Aidan's and Holy Trinity kitchens.

We pray for our local Nursing homes:

Rossmere Park Care Centre

Stichell House

Warrior Park Care Home

We pray for Streets in our parishes including:

Burn Valley, Bangor Street, Powell Street

Everton Road, Valley Drive, Carisbrooke Road

Galsworthy Road, Bennett Road, Pope Grove

The chancellor has announced that the Government will be cutting the UK Aid budget, not just in 2020 but next year too. This 30% cut to UK Aid comes at a time when we are tackling the worst crisis for children since World War Two. Unicef had already warned that 6,000 more children around the world could die every day as health services are disrupted by the pandemic. The Government must set out how children's lives and futures will be protected despite these cuts.

(UNICEF)

We pray for the Government to review the cut to the UK Aid budget and to work for the good of vulnerable communities across the world from which our country's wealth is often historically derived.

Wednesday 2nd December

Psalm 77

Matthew 12.38-end

We pray for Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing.

In this time of great challenge, we pray for the economic wellbeing of the country. We remember before God those who face great uncertainty in their work. We lift before God those who have lost their jobs and face an uncertain and difficult future. We pray for a renewed commitment to our common life together.

We pray for those in Hartlepool who are looking for work and all those who support them through job centres and job creation. We pray for creative and practical solutions to address unemployment locally.

We pray for streets in our parishes including:
Darwin Grove, Kipling Road, Burns Avenue
Meadow Drive, Hylton Road, Chaplin Road
Baden Street, Kimberley Street, Colenso Street

We pray for those who fight to prohibit slavery in its modern forms: human trafficking, sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage, forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict, domestic servitude and debt bondage. We pray for all persons who experience enslavement in different forms today, that they may find liberation. Let us have the courage to champion justice and not be afraid to rebuke those who seek to use power for their own selfish ends.
(USPG)

Thursday 3rd December

Psalm 46

Matthew 13.1-23

The NHS and other key workers

Our God is the great healer – and the agent used more than any other is the NHS. Today we voice our gratitude for those who serve this country in the National Health Service and pray for that God would prosper the work of their hands – that they would all be encouraged in their continued work of sacrifice and care amongst us.

We pray for N.Tees and Hartlepool paramedics and Ambulance staff. We pray for our Fire Service. We pray for the Lifeboat crew and Coast guard. We pray for the Air Ambulance crew.

We pray for streets in our parishes including:
Rains Avenue, Parklands Way, Merlin Way
Rydal Street, Keswick Street, Grasmere Street
Chesterton Road, Huxley Walk, Fernville Close

We thank God for the successful development of vaccines for Covid-19 and the dedication of everyone involved. We pray for the efficient and speedy distribution of safe vaccines in our community, our country and every country. We pray for those most vulnerable to the infection to be prioritised to have the vaccine. We pray for protection and good health for health workers and all involved in the distribution of the vaccines. We pray that people will not be deceived by anti vaccine theories on social media, and that your Holy Spirit of truth will protect the vulnerable.

Friday 4th December

Psalm 16

Matthew 13.24-43

National and local government.

We pray for in positions of authority with responsibility for decision making at national and local level at this difficult time. We ask that God would give great wisdom, deep commitment to all and right judgment.

We pray for our PCC's, Central Hartlepool Church Group Council and Communities of Hope Steering Group. We pray for God's Continued guidance over the coming months as we come out of the pandemic and adjust to new ways of working and changes of staff.

We pray for streets in our parishes including:
Arnold Grove, Compton Road, Cowper Grove
Kestrel, Siskin, Nuthatch, Kingfisher, Pintail and Harrier Close.
Claremont Drive, Belmont Gardens, Eamont Gardens

We pray for Persecuted Christians in the Russian Federation. Persecution is highest in the Caucasus region of the Russian Federation, where most indigenous people are Muslims. Islamic militants are fighting against the Russian army to establish a Muslim emirate, and in areas such as Chechnya and Dagestan, leaving Islam to follow Jesus is considered a betrayal of national identity. Across the country, the government is imposing greater restrictions on Christian denominations other than the Russian Orthodox Church, which are viewed as Western spies. Lord Jesus, may believers in the Caucasus region tangibly feel the companionship of the Holy Spirit's presence with them, particularly during difficult moments. Bring breakthroughs in their prayers for loved ones to come to know You. Where leaders and churches are particularly impacted by greater government restrictions, give them a clear sense of what to do next. Strengthen and grow Your church in the Russian Federation. Amen.
(Open Doors)

Saturday 5th December

Psalm 27

Matthew 13.44-end

All who are grieving, and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health
'Lord the one you love is ill....' John 11 v 3

We bring to God all those who suffer in body, mind, spirit or with grief. We ask that in God's great loving kindness they might know God's sustaining presence amidst their pain.
We pray for those who are stretched beyond their own capacity to cope and remain hopeful – that in the roar of these waterfalls God would bring a sense of coherence, comfort and strength.

We pray for those people who are waiting for hospital treatment and surgery which has been delayed because of the pandemic. We pray for all those waiting for lifesaving procedures such as transplant surgery.

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be with those who care for the sick,
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that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

We pray for streets in our parishes including:
Lapwing Road, Eider Close, Falcon Road.

Lewis Grove, Pinero Grove, Gulliver Road.
Arncliffe Gardens, Wansbeck Gardens, Lansdowne Court and Road.

We pray for Christian victims of Islamist violence in Burkina Faso, including 552 Fulani Christian families, persecuted converts from Islam who are displaced and destitute. "Some families have lost loved ones during attacks, some members of these families miraculously escaped traps." We pray they will remain strong in their faith, whether they are wonderfully delivered from persecution or have to endure terrible suffering.
(Barnabas Prayer).

Sunday 6th December
Psalm 40
Romans 15.4-13

We pray for Family, friends and loved ones
We lift to God those we hold in our hearts – praying for their health, their well-being and their sense of hope. We pray that even when loved ones cannot physically be together they would not feel apart. We ask for God's help in our communicating, our connecting and our caring.

We pray for our family and friends:

Loving God, you know us and all that we are facing.

We thank you that we can come to you as we are – with all our fears and concerns, our difficulties and challenges.

Please draw close to each of us and those we remember before you now.

Bring to us your peace and comfort.

And fill us with your Spirit that we may be bearers of your grace and hope to others.

As a country protect us, encourage us and keep us.

In the name of your Son Jesus we pray.

Amen.

We pray for streets in our parishes:

Osbourne Road, Flaxton Street, Windsor Street

Doyle Walk, Brierton Lane, Longfellow Walk

Moorhaven, Goshawk and Goldfinch Roads.

We pray for Pastors and Church leaders in Iran that the Lord will guide each one with wisdom as they face pressure and persecution from the authorities. We pray for Iranian Christians behind bars at this time, that the God of hope fill them with all joy and peace as they trust in Him, so that they may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13) (Barnabas Aid)