



## Prayer Diary December 2023

**“With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God”**

*Philippians 4:6 [CEV]*

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pray for the short series of meetings being organised on Friday nights starting this evening for those interested in deepening their commitment to Christ.
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Let us continue to pray for a lasting peace in Israel and Gaza. Pray for those involved in negotiating a way for Israelis and Palestinians to eventually live peaceably together.
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Give thanks for those organising the Big Breakfast this morning and pray that a good number will join to enjoy food and fellowship together. Pray that it will set us up to worship God from our hearts on this first Sunday of Advent.
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the Bereavement Journey course that Kingdom Faith, Horsham, is running starting today, Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec, and running for 7 weeks. By means of a series of films and discussion groups it gently guides bereaved people through the most common aspects of grief, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps.
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those of our fellowship who are not well and for those who are awaiting treatment or surgery. Pray that those who have had surgery delayed or cancelled will soon be able to have the procedures they need.
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer is the greatest gift we can give to mission enterprises. Please pray for the missions that BRBC support and also for our mission to our community.
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the spread of the gospel in Nepal. In an area where there were no known Christians in 1993, there are now three churches with congregations of around 150. Pray that those with disabilities who were helped by the Wheelchair Repair and Maintenance Workshop, will also have been introduced to the living God who turns no-one away. Pray also about help for those who lost relatives, homes and food supplies in the recent earthquake.
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pray that the Soundwaves Christmas Broadcast will help listeners put Christ back into Christmas. Give thanks for the opportunity Soundwaves has to make programmes with Christian content and pray that the work can continue.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the teams keeping Saturday Kitchen going and for the families who come week by week. Pray for God to bless the relationships being built and pray that other needy families will hear about the opportunity and come along.
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the team running BRBK most Sunday mornings. Pray that a good group of families will attend this morning and that they will be encouraged and challenged by the teaching given. Pray, too, for a true spirit of worship at the morning service.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the good year that PMA participants have enjoyed with the help of leader, Celia Steere, and members of the committee. Pray for their Christmas party being held this afternoon and pray that all will continue to experience God’s love during the Christmas break.
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Horsham Churches Together is currently advertising for a new Development Coordinator to start in the new year. We give thanks for Richard Jackson, who has served in this role for the past two years. Pray for Richard as he seeks in what ways the Lord wants him to serve in the future, and for the appointment process to be led by the Spirit.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the group who will go carol singing this evening around the streets near to the church. Pray that there will be opportunity for conversation with those who listen and that some will be led to think about the Christmas message. Pray for the on-line prayer meeting later in the evening.
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the special Christmas Lunch club today. Pray that the short carol service that will be held before the lunch will remind all of the reason for the season and encourage them to remember it as they celebrate Christmas with friends and family.
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Praise God that the sessions Cally and her team lead in the youth prisons in Brazil are going well. Pray that Cally’s health will improve and that God will work in son Ben’s life as he is struggling with mental health issues and other challenges. Pray for sufficient resources for the Eagle Project team to give Christmas gifts to all the needy families they wish to help .

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the opportunity given to Horsham Churches Together to hold a Carol Service in the Carfax this morning and give thanks that the Slinfold Concert Band have agreed to help with the music. Pray that many will join in and that there will be those who will stop to consider the real reason behind the celebration of Christmas.
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the special Christmas services being held today:- the Christingle Service this morning and the carol service this evening. Pray for all taking part and that some who are not regular church goers will come and find a welcome and be led to consider the relevance of the Christmas message.
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Peter and Louise Lynch in their work with the Baptist Church in Bangladesh. Pray for the wisdom and energy they need each day as they teach, hold workshops for church leaders and encourage those taking the Gospel to new areas. Pray that the run up to elections will be peaceful.
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the way Horsham Matters is able to help so many needy families. Pray that enough donations will be received to fulfil the needs of the food banks, especially over this Christmas season.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for good rains in northern Uganda during the second crop season and for the hope of a good harvest. Pray for Genesis as he works with farmers to improve their farming methods and to plant more trees in the area.
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pray for Christians in Ukraine who will be celebrating Christmas with their country still in a war zone. May they know God's peace in their lives. Pray for the many refugees who will be spending Christmas away from home.
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones this year as they will be spending their first Christmas without them. Pray for peace and comfort and the knowledge that God loves them. Pray that they will be able to celebrate with family and friends.
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Let us pray for the overseas mission workers we support, as they will no doubt be celebrating Christmas in different ways from how they would be used to celebrating in their home country. Pray that God will bring them joy and the opportunity to witness as they celebrate with those amongst whom they serve.
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those leading the service this morning and for all who will be taking part in any way. Pray that all who attend will be able to worship in spirit and in truth this Christmas weekend. Pray, too, for the Midnight Communion service tonight.
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	On this Christmas Day let us rejoice that God sent his Son to be our Saviour and, in all our celebrations with family and friends, and let us take time to praise and worship him. Pray especially for any who will be spending Christmas alone.
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for our young people especially during their Christmas break. Pray that they will be able relax and enjoy times with family and friends. Pray that their faith will be strengthened by interaction with other Christians and by personal Bible study.
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for guidance as notification goes out concerning our desire to have a families worker join our team. Pray that God will guide in each stage of the process.
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Deborah Packham in her role as acting church secretary. Pray that God will give her the necessary strength and wisdom and also joy in her service to the church and to God. Pray, too, for David Wickersham as he undergoes treatment for his condition. Pray for healing for him and peace for his family.
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Christians in the north and middle belt of Nigeria who continue to experience regular attacks by extremists. Pray for those who have recently lost members of their family, those who are recovering from their injuries and those forced to flee from their homes. Pray that God will enable the Christians to stand strong in their faith despite the circumstances and pray that measures can be taken to stop such attacks from taking place.
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those organising the Alpha Course planned to start in February and that a good group will join. Pray for God to work in the lives of those who will attend.
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks for all the blessings we have received this past year and pray for God to continue to bless us all during the coming year, both as individuals, as families and as church, the body of Christ.