

December Prayer Diary 2018

Saturday 1st December

World AIDS/ HIV Day: Pray for those affected by AIDS and HIV and that there may be universal access to anti retro viral drugs.

Sunday 2nd December: Advent Sunday

Pray that we remember in our lives, the hope, the joy and the waiting of this time of Advent as we celebrate at St Pargoire

Monday 3rd December

Pray for those members of our congregation who are faced with difficulties both financial and emotional. Pray that they may know God's supporting presence with them.

Tuesday 4th December

Pray for peace and understanding amongst people and politicians in France and a resolution of societal problems.

Wednesday 5th December

Pray for our priest Roger. Pray that God may support him in his ministry.

Thursday 6th December

Pray for our Church Wardens, Patricia and Nigel and give thanks to God for their work.

Friday 7th December

Pray for religious toleration especially in areas of religious strife.

Saturday 8th December

Pray for the development of Anglican and Catholic relations here in the Hérault.

Sunday 9th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Pray for all those taking part in the Carol Service at Fontès this afternoon, for the organisers, the musicians, the leaders and the congregation. Pray that they may encounter God in the service.

Monday 10th December

Pray for those who need the help from Restos du Coeur and who are trying to celebrate Christmas on a tight budget.

Tuesday 11th December

Pray for all prisoners of conscience and for the work of Amnesty International and pray for the release of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe.

Wednesday 12th December

Pray for those meeting today at St Joseph's for the Prayer Group at Mont Rouge.

Thursday 13th December: Santa Lucia (see article)

Pray for those who are blind or those who find it difficult to see both physically and spiritually

Friday 14th December: St John of the Cross (see article)

Pray for the homeless everywhere that they may find shelter and support, especially as the cold weather begins

Saturday 15th December

Grant us, Lord, at this time of preparation, and amidst all the bustle of everyday life, to know that You are with us, every step of the way.

Sunday 16th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Pray for all teachers who guide and inspire others

Monday 17th December

Pray for those who teach in Third World Countries, especially those who bring education to women and girls.

Tuesday 18th December

Pray for all those who receive help from Restos du Coeur and from Secours Populaire for all those who work for these organisations.

Wednesday 19th December

Pray for all those who will spend Christmas in hospital and for all those who have to work over Christmas.

Thursday 20th December

Pray for all those who are facing Christmas alone, especially those for whom this is their first Christmas on their own.

Friday 21st December

Pray for all those who organise or take part in carol services and Christingle services, especially for the clergy.

Saturday 22nd December

Pray for those who are travelling to be with their family or friends this Christmas.

Sunday 23rd December: 4th Sunday of Advent

That our hearts may always be open to the joy and wonder of God's mighty works.

Monday 24th December

As we meet on Christmas Eve for Holy Communion at St Pargoire, pray that our congregation may grow in love of Christ and that our hearts may be stirred to work in His service.

Tuesday 25th December: Christmas Day

The Light of the world

Wednesday 26th December: Stephen, deacon, martyr

The Church's solidarity with those who are persecuted. Pray especially for those Christians who are persecuted for the beliefs wherever they may be.

Thursday 27th December: John Apostle and Evangelist

Just as Jesus entrusted His mother, Mary, to St John's care, pray that we may always care for others.

Friday 28th December: Holy Innocents

Pray for children in danger everywhere, especially children who are in refugee camps or in danger because of war.

Saturday 29th December

Pray for those Christians who are persecuted for their faith

Sunday 30th December

As we face a new year with hopes, expectations and much uncertainty may we put our trust in God to be with us at all times.

Monday 31st December (see article)

On the day commemorating John Wycliffe, give thanks for our Bible in English and for all who strive to bring the Bible to people in their own language.