



Prayer Diary
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 5th December 2021

**The prophets said Messiah
would come to set us free
to rule the world with life and justice
the Prince of Peace is he.**

The Advent Carol. Celtic Daily Prayer

Monday. Light a candle in the darkness

Jesus, Prince of Peace, the Jewish people waited a long time for your coming. They longed for peace just as we do, so help us we pray, to continue to hope and pray for your kingdom to come in this world.

Tuesday. Light a candle in the darkness

We pray for community and social responsibility at this time when a further virus variant is spreading rapidly. Pray for adherence to the rules and for selfish views to be put aside for the good of everyone.

Wednesday. Light a candle in the darkness

Pray for guidance for our church leaders as they decide how to plan Christmas services. Carol singing and Crib services are enjoyed by many families each year, bringing the old and young generations together. Pray for wise decisions at this time.

Thursday. Light a candle in the darkness

Winter is bleak, not a time to celebrate for so many who have so little. Pray for the warmth of love to be a special gift from the God of Love, shining in the dark, cold places. Pray for the people God will use to deliver his gift and his blessing.

Friday. Light a candle in the darkness

When we give our lives to Jesus, he sets us free, like birds released from their cages. Many people don't know this freedom and are caught up in the traps of this world. Pray for those bound by addictions, drunkenness, crime, poverty and injustice and ask Jesus to give them hope, freedom and peace.

Saturday. Light a candle in the darkness

Pray for families as we all prepare to celebrate. May the love of Jesus fill our homes, drawing us all together, healing the hurts, calming the fears and panics, gifting us all with his peace and the joy of the age-old Christmas story.

Sunday. Third in Advent. Light a candle in the darkness

Our third Advent Candle is lit today to remind us of John the Baptist calling us all to prepare to welcome Jesus. What did it mean then? What does this mean for us now? Are we ready?

Prayer.

Father God, you made lengthy preparations before you sent Jesus into the world to save your people. We are still waiting for justice and peace to be fully established in our lives. Encourage our hoping and open our eyes to see your Spirit at work preparing the way. Amen.

To include prayer requests for activities in your own church, please email Jill Smith on prayer@2rivers.faith by Wednesday for inclusion in the following week's Prayer Diary.