



# Christian Ambulance Association

## Advent Prayer Diary

During each week of the Advent season, we focus on the four virtues Jesus brings us:  
Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.

### 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> December (Hope)

#### **Matthew 1:22**

*All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet*

#### **Prayer**

Lord as we come before you today in this first week of Advent, we ask you to help us prepare for your coming. You promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in Faith and we bring before you this season the needs of the church and the wider world.

We pray for your church this month or Advent gathering all around the world, in tiny huts in Nigeria to the grand church of the Nativity in Bethlehem to praise you and hear your Holy word. Give us a sense of expectation, inspiration and overall renewed sense of Hope each day. Help us to put our differences behind us and to unite following the example of Jesus to make Disciples of all nations and all people. We pray for your blessing on all those who preach, and teach the message of your salvation.

Drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth and restore our passion for what is good and right. Lord establish your just and gentle rule in Egypt, Nigeria, Syria, Afghanistan, Israel and Palestine and other areas of the world where there is conflict and where peace has been absent. Father provide Hope wherever all Hope seems lost. We ask you to govern the hearts and minds of those who lead our nations and for those in authority that they may act justly, with honesty and integrity according to your will.

Father we pray for the homeless, the refugees, the expelled and the forgotten people everywhere. We remember especially all those involved in missionary work for these people around the world as they seek to make a difference for the men, women and children they serve. May they know that your guiding hand is with them in their daily work and tireless endeavours.

Faithful Father we ask you to help us all to use our gifts and our talents to the greater good of all, challenge us to drive away complacency and apathy when we know in our hearts that we can do more to help sustain those in need.

Merciful father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.



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**their colleagues and their community.**

## 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December (Love)

### John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

#### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, as once again as we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer, that we may reflect upon the wonder of your Love and allow the story of the Saviours birth to penetrate our hearts and minds. May our Joy be deeper, our worship be more real and our lives worthier of all that you have done for us through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father we know the whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little 4 letter word....LOVE. We thank you for your gift of pure Love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the rough scratchy hay of a manger in a simple barn in Bethlehem. All of your Love God, was wrapped in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling rags. This second week of Advent, help us to reflect on the magnitude of Love that was made manifest in Jesus. Help us Love each other as you Love us.

In daily life, help us never to forget the greatness of Love. May Love motivate our care for our communities and drive out judgement and jealousy and may that Love heal the social ills which sometimes drag us into despair.

Lord use each of us to be a witness of Your Grace and Love and knit us together in Holy fellowship and communion, so that the world may know that You are the Lord and we are Your Children, We pray all this in Jesus sweet name, Amen.

## 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> December (Joy)

### Luke 1:14

*He will be a Joy and a delight to you, and many will rejoice because of His birth.*

#### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, this third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great Joy this Christmas season. We acknowledge our Joy isn't dependant on what is going on in our life, in our world or the people we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever bring us that complete Joy. We know our Joy comes from you. That Joy that flooded the hearts of the Shepherds, the Angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven and Mary and Joseph is the Joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts today with rejoicing. Father, you offer that same Joy to us now because we know you and recognise Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. Our Joy is a gift. It is the gift that you gave that first Christmas in Jesus Christ. Our Joy is encompassed in our Saviour. Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for the glad tidings of great Joy and peace that floods the hearts of all who believe.

Help us to share this Joy of knowing Jesus with all those who you place in our paths, and we pray that throughout the world there may be many sinners this Advent season who are saved by Grace through Faith in Christ Jesus, so that they may also know the Joy which is also freely available to all who believe.

Loving Father flood our hearts with Joy this Advent season as we reflect on the Good News of Jesus' birth. In Jesus' precious name we pray, Amen.

## 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> December (Peace)

### Luke 2:14

*"Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on earth Peace to those on whom His favour rests".*



## **Isaiah 9:6**

*For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

### **Prayer**

Faithful Father, as we come into your presence in this fourth week of Advent, Lord we ask that you come even nearer to us. Come to rejuvenate our Faith, come to widen our eyes of wonder so that when the Saviour comes, He may enter our hearts and find them ready. Let us know and share with others your Peace.

Lord we ask you to help us all to use our gifts and our talents to the greater good of all, challenge us to drive away complacency and apathy when we know in our hearts that we can do more to help those in need. We pray especially for all of our Ambulance personnel as they seek to do your will. Lord guide them through their spiritual and worldly journeys. We pray that their and other medical colleagues and carers hearts be at peace as some have to spend time away from their own families on Christmas day to care for others.

We pray for others whom some days will seem long and hard, for those in hospital or ill at home, those struggling with despair or depression, those seeking work and those for whom this day will be their last. Comfort and heal all who suffer, give them courage and Hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Heavenly Father you are the God who gives Peace. Help us to remember that because of Jesus we can experience a Christmas free of turmoil and chaos. Regardless of our circumstances or our situations, you offer us Peace that passes all understanding. That first Christmas you sent your Son, you sent the one who would save us. Even the Angels cried out 'Glory to God in the highest'. The Angels knew your purpose. They knew the gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that Christmas held. Father God, because you love us you sent Jesus, that we might believe in Him and receive eternal life. He was the first Christmas gift and still remains the only give and still remains the only gift worth truly having. Father we thank and praise you that we are able to have the fullness of Peace in our hearts on Christmas day, and every day because that same Jesus sits at your right hand in Heaven. Father, in this final week of Advent, keep us in perfect Peace as our mind focuses on the truth of your powerful Love. Help us to trust fully in you and rest in the Peace that you offer. Accept these prayers in the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

## **27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> December**

### **Luke 2:20**

*And the Shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, life on the other side of Christmas feels different for different people. For some it was the greatest Christmas ever in the terms of caring relationships, thoughtful gifts and above all, profound gratitude for the indescribable gift of your Son Jesus. Lord we pray deeply for those where Christmas was a really difficult time of tensions, dashed hopes and brokenness. Those people who never experienced or know your Peace. For others where it was the first Christmas with an empty chair where a loved one used to sit and for others still it was a day spent all alone. Lord we pray that whatever the situation that each and every one of your Children know your Love, Peace, Hope and Joy in their lives. Lord you know each of us individually, our needs and what's in our hearts. We pray you give each of us the common Grace you gave the shepherds. Let us hear and let us see more of Jesus, even as we remain humble like those shepherds. Father, we ask for your Grace and Wisdom as we fast approach a new year. Father, enable us to glorify and praise you in every situation in life. We are a people of Hope. We are thankful our past is forgiven, our present is in your hands and our belief is in you for the future. In Jesus faithful and loving name we ask you accept these prayers, Amen.

