



St. Nicholas' Church Prayer Sheet December 2021

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope." Psalm 130:5

We continue to pray for wisdom and discernment for scientists, public health specialists, hospital and care staff, politicians and all in positions of responsibility in efforts to control this pandemic and deal with the new Covid variant discovered in southern Africa. We pray for a just distribution of vaccines and increased uptake throughout the world.

Let us pray for those who are suffering in troubled places, (e.g, Aden and Afghanistan) all who are suffering fear, illness, poverty, grief and distress and pray that the Lord will empower those who are seeking to alleviate suffering and encourage those who can contribute to provide resources .

Let us pray for all who seek to communicate the reason for celebrating Christmas in families, schools, churches and media, that they will be inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit and that all who hear, including us, will be challenged.

God of majesty and power who spoke and this world was,
who breathed and this world lived, who counts the hairs upon our head,
who sees our thoughts and reads our hearts, who loves us more than we deserve.

How can we not bring today our sacrifice of praise?

For in the child at Bethlehem lies the promise of intimacy with a Saviour who would die even for me, and the promise of an eternity in which to praise you more each day, God of promise we praise your name, Amen

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To you O Lord we bring our lives, troubled, broken or at ease
a sacrificial offering for you to use

Take away our selfishness and teach us to love as you loved

Take away our sense of pride, and show us the meaning of humility

Take away our blindness and show us the world through your eyes

Take away our greed and teach us how to give as you gave

Show us your ways, teach us your paths, that we might walk with you more closely

Our hand in your hand, our feet in your footsteps

From the baby in a stable to eternity, Amen

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