## Prayer Calendar – December 2025

1	Pray this season of giving becomes a catalyst for sharing our blessings with others. For those who routinely give without being self-serving we are grateful. For those who rarely or never give, open their hearts to the rewards of sharing their bounty with others.
2	Pray for all who will burden themselves with the upcoming distractions and expectations of December. Re-direct their focus to the true meaning of Christmas and give them clarity and perspective in the coming weeks.
3	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: LaVonne Stephenson 12/3, Andrew Plocher 12/17, and Bucky Beach 12/21.
4	Pray we are inspired by our faith to heal from within, to refresh our tired souls and to restore us to our best selves.
5	Pray for pastors and deacons who celebrate their birthdays this month: Noreen Stevens (deacon) 12/7, Kelly Ylitalo 12/8, and Christine Olson 12/12.
6	Pray for everyone participating in Christmas Programs. May every voice, large and small be lifted in celebration of God's greatest gift, our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ.
7	On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of faith. O' come all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant.
8	Pray for church choirs and musicians as they share their unique gifts with us during this holy season – sometimes in new and extraordinary ways.
9	Pray for all communities, both large and small as they are under pressure to conform, comply and concede to unfair and unjust policies.
10	Pray we are stirred to action and truly bothered by our world's pain. Give us the clarity we need to face our discomfort head on and the courage to act despite our fear.
11	Pray for candidate for ministry Elaine Robbins that she will confidently preach, passionately minister, and courageously lead.
12	Pray we seek opportunities to uplift someone. Help us to resist the temptation of criticism May we never settle for less than the Gospel.
13	Pray for those who dread the dark, the shortened days and the stubborn sun. Grant them comfort in knowing while the darkness lingers, God's light shines.
14	On this 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of joy. Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let Earth receive her King.
15	Pray for the poor among us as they struggle to celebrate Christmas with few resources, and for refugees, asylum seekers, and those who are displaced, as they grieve what they have lost and work to rebuild their lives.
16	Pray the love of God will fill our heart with joy, the peace of God will fill us with hope, and the grace of God will go before us.
17	Pray for individuals and families who experience sadness and isolation during a time when our culture shares and celebrates images of happiness and gathering.

18	Pray for pastors celebrating birthdays this month; David Johnson, 12/18 and John
	Kuziej 12/20.
19	Pray for all who are traveling to be with loved ones – may they have safe travels and happy homecomings. May broken hearts be healed, weakened relationships strengthened and common bonds renewed.
20	Pray for those who work on the front lines and behind the scenes of grocery stores, retail shops, gas stations, and restaurants. Teach us to be kind, patient and thankful for the services they provide.
21	On the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Peace. Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright. Round you Virgin, Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace.
22	Pray for all creatures great and small who struggle to stay warm. Give them shelter and sustain them through the long cold days of winter. Bless the community resources who provide warmth for body and soul.
23	Pray we all keep gift giving in perspective. True gifts are reaching out, taking time to listen, sharing a meal and a comforting gesture. Be excited and energetic in uplifting others.
24	Pray we turn toward the poor with generosity. Pray we uplift the needy and demonstrate grace to others. May the Lord have mercy on us and rejoice over us as ones who were lost.
25	On this Christmas Day we celebrate and give thanks to God for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
26	Pray for those who were let down by Christmas, if their expectations were not met; if their relationships proved difficult or if the true spirit of the season did not reach their hearts.
<b>2</b> 7	Pray for our world leaders, medical providers, and researchers on this International Day of Epidemic Readiness. Keep us vigilant in our commitment to do our part in keeping ourselves and others healthy. Pray we trust science and history to guide our decisions.
28	Pray for those who feel invisible. For those often ignored and overlooked. Pray for those suddenly realizing how truly tired they are. While we may not be able to help everyone, everyone can help someone.
29	Pray that we resolve to start 2026 with a new heart and new spirit. Give us the strength and courage to embrace love and reject hate. Pray we can break the monotony of despair.
30	Pray for wisdom to see possibilities where others see problems. Pray for a discerning ear when all we hear are grumble and gripes. Pray for the courage to hope when circumstances seem hopeless.
31	Pray, we move into the new year with optimism and a renewed sense of hope. We pray for a better future and for the strength to work toward positive outcomes. Pray we are grateful for the potential a new year holds and give us the strength to persevere through difficult times.