

SUN 22nd Loving God, as the fourth candle is lit, may the flame symbolise the love you have poured into the world through your son. 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends'. Thank you, Jesus, for the ultimate sacrifice you made because of your love for us.

MON 23rd Our loving Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your love for all nations. Thank you that you came to draw people from every nation and tribe and people and language to the Father (Rev7:9). Help us to take the good news to all nations. Help us not to rely on our own strength but instead to depend upon your power and authority.

TUE 24th Our loving Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your wonderful love for us. Thank you that you came to share the Father's love with us. Thank you that you demonstrated your love by dying on the cross for us. Help us to remain in you, the source of all love and all joy.

WED 25th Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the joy and hope of this Christmas day. Thank you that today we remember how you came to save us. Help us to trust you with our lives. Help us to have patience as we wait for you. Help us to listen to your voice and help us to obey you, that we might see you, Jesus.

THU 26th Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you were born into this world. Thank you that you invite us all to come and worship you. Open our eyes and our hearts to recognise you as King. Help us to bring everything we are and have and lay it at your feet in worship.

FRI 27th Dear God, this world is so noisy, and we are so afraid, that it is often difficult to hear your voice. Help us today to take time to listen for your voice. We do not need to be afraid, for you are with us. Help us, like Joseph and Mary, to obey you.

SAT 28th Heavenly Father, thank you that you are the God of life. Thank you that you are present and active in our world and for your plan to make all things new through the Lord Jesus. Help us to believe that you can do new things in our lives everyday.

SUN 29th Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your coming to us. Thank you that you came as a human being, yet you are God. Help us today to trust that in the small and unseen places of our lives and our world you are at work. Give us faith, dear Lord to see you. Amen.

MON 30th Dear God, thank you that you have been at work since before the world began, and that you are still at work in our world today. We are needy people, and we need your help today, Lord. Help us to trust that you are at work, even when we can't see you.

TUE 31st Dear Lord, thank you for the hope of your return, and that you are coming to make all things new, to bring about a new heaven and a new earth. Thank you for the promise that when you come there will be no more death or mourning; crying or pain. We pray, at this turning of the year, come Lord Jesus Christ!

Notice Board

- Sun 1st. : Communion and Food Bank Collection.
- Sun 8th. : Food Bank Collection.
- Mon 9th. 12noon :Good Companions lunch in Drymen Church.
- Fri 13th. 6.30pm-8pm: Strathendrick Teens meet in Drymen Church.
- Sun 15th. 11.30: Service in Drymen Church.
- Sun 22nd. 11.30am: Nativity Play in Drymen Church.
- Mon. 23rd. 6pm :Christingle Service Drymen Church.
- Tue. 24th. 11.30pm: Watchnight Service in Drymen Church.
- Wed 25th. 10.00am : Christmas Day Service in Buchanan Church.
- Sun 29th. 10.00: Service in Buchanan Church.

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Prayer Diary



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And the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2 vs10,11)

SUN Gracious God, as the first Advent Candle is lit, may the flame remind us of the hope we have in Christ. Help us to open our hearts and minds to you, that your wonderful, life-giving light might transform and renew us today.

MON Almighty God grant us the grace to hope in you with unwavering trust. May our hearts be filled with the hope that comes from knowing your promises are true.

TUE Dear God, thank you that you love this world and everyone in it. Our world needs hope. Thank you that we know you haven't abandoned us. Enable us to share this truth and bring hope to family, friends, neighbours and strangers during Advent time.

WED May the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom 15v13) We pray for those receiving Food Bank supplies - that they will feel a sense of hope from the donations of others showing that there are people who care for them in their difficult circumstances.

THU Gracious Heavenly Father, we pray that we are not so caught up in being "godly" that we fail to make you our priority. Help us never to come to the end of the day without righting our wrongs, forgiving those we need to forgive and ensuring our lives are in line with your word.

FRI Lord, we can often be discouraged and lose sight of all we have to be grateful for. Help us remember you are the God of all hope. Thank you that you are in control of all things and that your purposes will be fulfilled. May we welcome your plans in our lives, even when we do not understand them.

SAT O God, our morning star, splendour of light eternal, Shining with the glory of the rainbow
Come and waken us from our apathy
And renew in us your gift of hope.
Prayer of Saint Bede the Venerable

SUN Gracious God, as the second candle is lit, fill our hearts with the peace that surpasses all understanding. We are in need of your transforming power today, and every day. Please transform us through your presence in our lives, that we may serve you.

MON Prince of Peace, in a world of turmoil, please grant us the tranquility that only your peace can bring. Help us to be instruments of reconciliation and harmony in our community. For the wider world we pray for peace in Gaza and Ukraine. We ask that politicians will seek an end to this madness and learn to live together in peace and harmony.

TUE May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. (2 Peter 1:2) Dear Lord, may you wrap a blanket of peace around me and my loved ones this day. Be our comforter, guide, and protector as we turn to you with all our hearts.

WED As we approach winter, help us to remember all who are seriously impacted by the cold, the dark, and loneliness. Guide us to where we could help and give us the courage we pray, to step out of our comfort zones and show your amazing love in word and in action.

THU O God our Father, give us at all times minds eager to seek, memories which are strong to remember, wills which are dedicated to obey, hearts surrendered to love and lives committed to service.

FRI We pray for unity among all Christian denominations so that we may show the world that we all worship the same God. Strengthen our faith O Lord and grant us strength and courage to show others our complete trust in you.

SAT Our loving heavenly Father, thank you for your Word. Thank you that you speak into all the areas of our lives. Thank you that you are a God who speaks to us. Help us to trust you, particularly with those things in our lives that are painful. Give us faith to believe that you are a God of miracles.

SUN Heavenly Father, as the third candle is lit may we reflect on the joy that comes from your salvation. Strengthen us in our worship of you today and pour out your joy into our hearts and lives, for your glory.

MON Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with the joy that comes from knowing you. We rejoice in the good news of salvation as we share that joy with others during this Advent season. Bless the shoe boxes that have been sent out by Christian groups. Thank you for those who contributed so generously and pray these boxes will bring much joy to the recipients.

TUE Dear God, so much in this world makes us afraid. Thank you that because you are with us, we do not need to be afraid. Help us today to believe that you are at work in our circumstances, even in the things that are difficult and unexpected. Help us to look for your presence today and to trust in you.

WED Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you are, 'the Way the Truth and the Life'. Thank you that through you we can know the Father. Each day we face so many choices, so many roads we could go down. Please help us to know you and follow you.

THU Our loving heavenly Father, thank you that you are a God who speaks. Thank you that you are a God who guides us and directs us through all the changing seasons of life. Help us to respond to your call on our lives in obedience. Help us trust you with our lives and to serve you wholeheartedly.

FRI Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wound; to toil and not to seek for rest save that of knowing that we do your will. [Saint Ignatius Loyola]

SAT Dear God, thank you for another day. Thank you for my family and friends. Help us today to think about other people and not just ourselves. Open our eyes to the needs of others, that by word or deed, we may be their friend today.