

Tuesday December 16th

Thank You, Father, for police officers serving in the 43 territorial forces in England and Wales, the national services in Northern Ireland and Scotland, the British Transport Police and two other specialist forces. We pray for their success in reducing crime and protecting vulnerable people. In Your mercy. Amen.

Pray for David & Joy Thorburn & family

Wednesday December 17th

Gracious Lord, please protect and guide the millions who travel in the UK each day by road, rail, boat and air, and equip those who have responsibility for safety. We ask for Your comfort and healing for anyone who has been injured or bereaved as a result of an accident. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The OTB team will meet to discuss their plans for the new school term next year.

Pray for Sue Tibbles & family

Thursday December 18th

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY – Solidarity with Refugees

Merciful God, please guide the governments of countries that are destinations for many migrants to find wise, workable and compassionate ways to manage these exceedingly problematic situations. We intercede for the thousands who are displaced and seeking a safe place to live. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pray for Sylvia Walpole-Brown & Simon Woodley

Friday December 19th

Lord, may the complex network of computers and online systems – essential to modern transportation – be protected from failure and shielded from cyber-criminals. Please grant success to the National Cyber Security Centre and other agencies to prevent attacks and apprehend wrongdoers. In Your mercy. Amen.

Pray for Chris & Yvette Willett

Saturday December 20th

Neighbouring countries to North Korea typically do not recognise defectors as refugees, leading to risk of capture, repatriation and severe punishment. Pray for the crucial but risky work of Open Doors safe houses.

Pray for Barrie & Gill Wyatt

Saturday November 1st

Somalia is one of Africa's most challenged states and the struggle for stability continues. Strong clan structures and several militant Islam factions make unity and peace a seemingly distant dream. Pray that any future rulers might learn from the past, govern the nation for the good of the people and grant true religious freedom.

Pray for Stephen & Felicia Shirto

Sunday November 2nd

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH
Merciful Father, we pray for the estimated one in seven faithful Christians today who are suffering high levels of persecution and discrimination across 50 countries, especially in Africa and Asia. Please watch over them and help them persevere as powerful witnesses for Jesus. In His name. Amen.

Pray for Peter & Brenda Simpson

Monday November 3rd

Christian persecution comes in many forms: martyrdom, arrests and verbal and physical abuse. Pray for those whose lives are under threat today for sharing the love of Christ Jesus.

Pray for Andy & Leanda Theedom & family

Tuesday November 4th

Lord of wisdom and knowledge, we lift to You the learning institutions in our nation – schools, colleges, universities, centres for research, exploration, engineering, information technology, AI and think tanks. Please awaken in them a genuine desire for truth and healthy collaboration as they seek ways to pursue innovation and excellence. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Pray for David & Joy Thorburn & family

Wednesday November 5th

Djibouti's 1.1 million people enjoy political calm, but live in possibly the hottest country on earth. They are plagued by widespread famine. Extreme unemployment and rising issues such as human trafficking, prostitution and drug abuse. They currently face a severe hunger crisis after four consecutive failed rainy seasons.

Pray for this nation. Pray for Sue Tibbles & family

Saturday December 6th

Heavenly Father, we remember those who care for vulnerable people in nursing homes, hospitals, hospices and in their own homes. Please strengthen and encourage the UK's 5.8 million unpaid carers, many of them juggling this with employment and other responsibilities. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Pray for Brian & Barbara Rainbow

Sunday December 7th

The second Advent candle represents peace and preparation. It's called the Bethlehem Candle.

Lift up women in Nigeria working to promote peace, political participation and freedom of religion or belief, particularly those involved with the Tearfund-supported Joint Initiative for Strategic Religious Action.

Pray for Karen Rossiter & family

Monday December 8th

Praise God that the BMS-supported Baptist Mission Training Centre is providing training for church planters in Bangladesh. Pray that those trained will offer loving support to communities through whatever challenges they're facing.

Pray for Alan & Yvonne Rowland

Tuesday December 9th

Young Christian girls in Pakistan are often kidnapped, forcibly converted and married against their will. Families rarely find justice. Pray for rescue and healing for these girls and their families. Pray for lawyers who support them.

Pray for Henning Schmitt & family

Wednesday December 10th

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY: Holocaust Remembrance – 80years on.

Merciful Saviour, we intercede for freedom for people whose basic human rights are denied: the right to life, the right to a fair trial, freedom from torture and other cruel and inhuman treatment, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the rights to health, education and an adequate standard of living. In Your mercy. Amen.

The second Christmas story for the OTB team, "On to Bethlehem", covers Mary & Joseph's journey for the census and the birth of Jesus.

Pray for Robin & Mary Sealey

Thursday December 11th

Lord, we remember the vast majority of the world's population who live under corrupt jurisdictions, and the courageous people who fight for freedom from tyranny, corruption and wrongdoing. We pray especially for Christians who speak out to defend the oppressed. In Jesus' name. Amen. Pray for Lucy Shellam & family

Friday December 12th

Many young Syrian Christians are active on social media to support others in their Christian life. Ask God to use this online ministry to help young people grow in their faith and witness.

Pray for Stephen & Felicia Shirto

Saturday December 13th

Islamists affiliated to either Al Qaeda or Islamic State control large parts of the West African Sahel, including 60% of Burkina Faso, where around a third of the population are Christians. Analysts and anti-terrorism experts have raised the possibility that Islamists could become the de facto government of some or all of this region. Pray that the Lord will beat back His enemies (Psalm 78:66) and keep His people across the Sahel in His care.

Pray for Peter & Brenda Simpson

Sunday December 14th

The third Advent candle represents joy. It's called the Shepherd's Candle. Syrian families continue to face the devastating aftermath of the 2023 earthquakes, alongside ongoing conflict and hardship. Pray for Tearfund and their partners' work in the country, supporting Syrians to rebuild their lives and communities after the disaster, finding moments of joy amid hardship.

Pray for Pauline Sprason & John Twining

Monday December 15th

BMS is collaborating with churches in north east India to create training opportunities. Pray that these opportunities will excite people's imaginations and expand their vision of world mission.

Pray for Andy & Leanda Theedom & family

If you would like people to pray for you contact Gill Wyatt on
t: 07976481355
Items for next month's prayer diary to Yvonne or Alan Rowland on
t: 01242 233419
The people included in the "Pray for" part of the prayers have been taken
from the latest church directory.
If you are not included in the church directory but would like to be included
in future please let Yvonne or Alan know.

Sunday December 21st

The fourth Advent candle represents love. It's called the Angel's Candle. Give thanks for people in the Central African Republic who have experienced love's transformative power through Tearfund's Transforming Communities training.

Pray for Colin & Anne Yeneralski

Monday December 22nd

God of hope, after the longest night of the year when the hours of daylight begin to lengthen, we remember with joy Your promise of goodness and mercy for those who believe, in every season of life. Please shine Your light of hope into many more minds and hearts. In Your mercy. Amen.

Pray for Adrian Young & Rosemary Bayliss

Tuesday December 23rd

Heavenly Father, we pray for families gathered together in this season, that love may abound and difficult relationships be eased. We also remember those who are sad to be far away from home and ask You to comfort and encourage them through the hospitality of others. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Pray for Paul & Pam Adams

Wednesday December 24th

It's a year since Christians were amongst dozens killed in Christmas attacks in Nigeria and DRC. Pray for affected believers to feel the enfolding comforts of Emmanuel, 'God with us', and pray for the protection of gatherings worldwide over Christmas.

Pray for Steve & Anne Austin

Thursday December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

Lord, Your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth. You were born in a stable but worshipped by the angels. We have nothing of our own to bring, except what You have given – our lives for Your life. Be with all who are lonely, and all who feel distant from celebrations. Be for us a living hope that lightens our hearts. Our saviour and eternal God. Amen. (Church of England prayer)

Pray for Colin & Anne Ayrton

Friday December 26th

Thank You, Father, for the hospitality and kindness many demonstrate over Christmas as they share with those in need – people who are homeless; in prison, hospital or care homes; asylum seekers; and others who feel vulnerable and perhaps forgotten. In Your mercy. Amen.

Pray for Anne Berry & Sophie Goold

Saturday December 27th

Please pray that God will allow the few remaining Protestant churches in Algeria to remain open. Pray also that every believer in Algeria would be able to find a Christian community and enjoy fellowship.

Pray for Ian & Sarah Chad & family

Sunday December 28th

Pray for the life-changing work of the Transforming Communities programme in Uganda. Lift up the people and families who have experienced profound change, and communities that are flourishing through this intervention.

Pray for Ada Chan & family

Monday December 29th

Praise God that the Church in Kyrgyzstan continues to grow despite persecution. Pray that He will provide for the spiritual, emotional and practical needs of new believers, especially those taking the enormous step of leaving Islam. Pray that the Church will advance whatever constraints the stringent new law imposes.

Pray for Kieran & Annie Chan & family

Tuesday December 30th

Pray for Samaritan's Purse team in Ukraine as they minister to suffering people by providing physical aid and spiritual comfort. Pray for lasting peace and reconciliation.

Pray for Alice Cheuk & family

Wednesday December 31st

Give praise for the expansion of the Global Church and for the Holy Spirit at work creating believers. Pray the BMS will help build relationships between Christians across the world to empower people to keep sharing the love of God.

Pray for Claire Cook & family



Prayer Diary**December 2025**

Jesus said to the people, "I am the Light of the world. So if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path."

John 8:12 (Living Bible)
