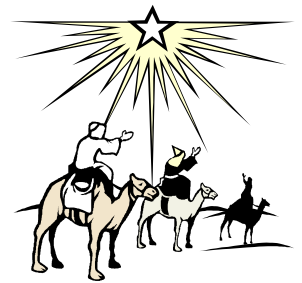


Prayers for Advent

St Matthew's Church



Advent is a season of preparation, a time of waiting.

Join with us in this time of joy as we look to the approaching celebration of the birth of Jesus. Through Jesus, God came among us in human form. This great sign of God's love and grace should make us joyful and thankful.

Please use these prayers to help you on your own personal journey at this special time of the year.



I kneel before You, Lord
Asking you to open my heart
And prepare my spirit for Your indwelling
As the time of Your coming draws near...

Lord, teach me the blessing of true serenity
The blessing of tranquillity
Let me find my deepest joy in You –
Give me peace within Your love

Peace Prayer

Lord, make me the instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury; pardon
Where there is despair; hope
Where there is darkness; light
And where there is sadness; joy



A Prayer for the Modern Christmas

Lord, as I rush around and make plans
Let me remember the peace I can find only in you
Lord, as I struggle to make ends meet
Let me remember the blessings You have given me
Lord, as the demands on me grow higher
Let me leave all my burdens with You
Lord, as the world spins round me
Let me remember that You spin the world
And You are all I need.



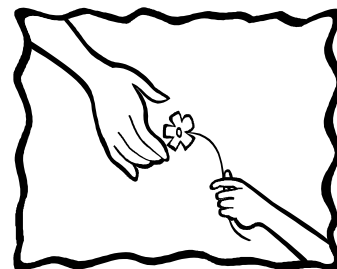
For those in need...

Father, I pray for all those who struggle at this time of year

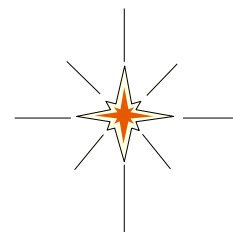
For those who are sick or injured
I pray for Your healing and comfort

For those who live in anxiety or fear
I pray for Your peace upon them

For those who are alone
Help me make them feel welcome and loved



Lord Jesus,
You long to come as a light to my life
As my days begin, help me to be open to Your light
That in it I may see all things clearly
And in me, those who I meet may see You



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