

ADVENT

Wednesday 1st “No more 1 in 3”

For the past week and 9 more days Mothers’ Union have been praying for an end to the violence and abuse suffered by 1 in 3 women around the world. Please join us.

Thursday 2nd

Today we pray for every child who is a survivor of violence in the home. May they find help and support. We pray too, for all those services offering a listening ear to children.

Friday 3rd

Jesus was born into a family. We thank you that you have created us into families so that we may live, play, work, rejoice and grieve together.

Saturday 4th

The Night Shelter is open again, now in a permanent place and we pray for all the guests that they may find peace in their troubled lives

Sunday 5th

O most merciful redeemer friend and brother, May I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly day by day. (St Richard of Chichester)

Monday 6th

We remember today, those who are sick, the elderly and infirm in their own homes or Care Homes who may feel abandoned and alone at this family time.

Tuesday 7th

Help us Lord in the midst of all the stress of the activities and preparations, to keep calm. Give us your peace in our hearts

Wednesday 8th

The Mothers’ Union meet today we thank you for our founder Mary Sumner, her prayer was, “All this day Lord may I touch as many lives as possible for thee”

Thursday 9th

Carols old and new will be sung in schools, churches and shopping malls. We rejoice that Christmas will be celebrated around the country

Friday 10th

The end of “16 Days of Activism” Today Lord, may we make a commitment to take a stand to ‘no more 3 in1’, to use our eyes to see where change needs to be made and to use our voices to challenge injustice in our world.

Saturday 11th

You came to bring freedom to all people. Be now with those in prisons surround, them with you love and support their families and friends. Help us to find ways of forgiving.

Sunday 12th

“And the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all mankind together will see it, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken “ Isaiah 40
May we see the glory this Christmas.

Monday 13th

“While shepherds watched their flocks”
Make us watchful and keep us faithful, that He may not find us sleeping in sin, but active in his service

Tuesday 14th “No crib for a bed.” Mary was young and away from home we pray for all those who will have their babies in war torn countries, refugee and asylum camps.

Wednesday 15th

“Hark the Herald Angels sing” ...may we hear The song of the angels and keep it in our hearts throughout Christmas and the year ahead

Thursday 16th

Father, we pray for the many who are trapped by growing burdens of debt, who see no way out and despair for their future. Give them courage to face their problems and seek help.

Friday 17th

For most schools, the end of term. We pray that when children return to school after the holidays things will be more “normal” and the restrictions of Covid will be lifted

Saturday 18th

“Ding dong merrily on high in Heaven the bells are ringing”. Here too in Ipswich all the church bells will ring out, may it remind shoppers of the true meaning of Christmas.

Sunday 19th

Be still and know that I am God
Psalm 46 v 10

Monday 20th

Christmas holidays God be with us on our travels. Help us to meet Him wherever we go.

Tuesday 21st Lord Jesus we commit to your care all who are ill at this festive time.

Take their fears and grant them courage healing and strength

Wednesday 22nd

At this time of year relationships can be strained, keep us from unkind or angry words and give us patience and understanding

Thursday 23rd

We ask you to be with all who have to work this Christmas, the police, armed forces, fire service, lifeboat service, doctors nurses and of course clergy

Friday 24th Christmas Eve

“To us a child is born, to us a son is given and his name will be called the Prince of Peace”
Isaiah 9. 6

Saturday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

“Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.” May we reflect and rejoice in the Word made flesh, today and every day throughout the coming year.

Sunday 26th “on the feast of

Stephen” Remembering the first Christian martyr we pray for all persecuted Christians who have not been able to celebrate Christmas openly.

Monday

As we clear up left over food let us give thanks that we have had plenty and pray for all those who have had little or none

Tuesday 28th

Gifts. Lord it is wonderful to know you have given each one of us gifts. Show us clearly, how to use them to serve you.

Wednesday 29th “In the bleak midwinter”

Many will be cold and alone today, Let our hearts never be hardened to their plight. With love and tenderness may you restore hope to their souls

Thursday 30th

God’s love for us was revealed when God sent his only son into the world so that we could have life through him
1 John 4.9

Friday 31st God of the past we offer our praise for your constant love and guidance throughout this year and pray you will be with us in the year ahead

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