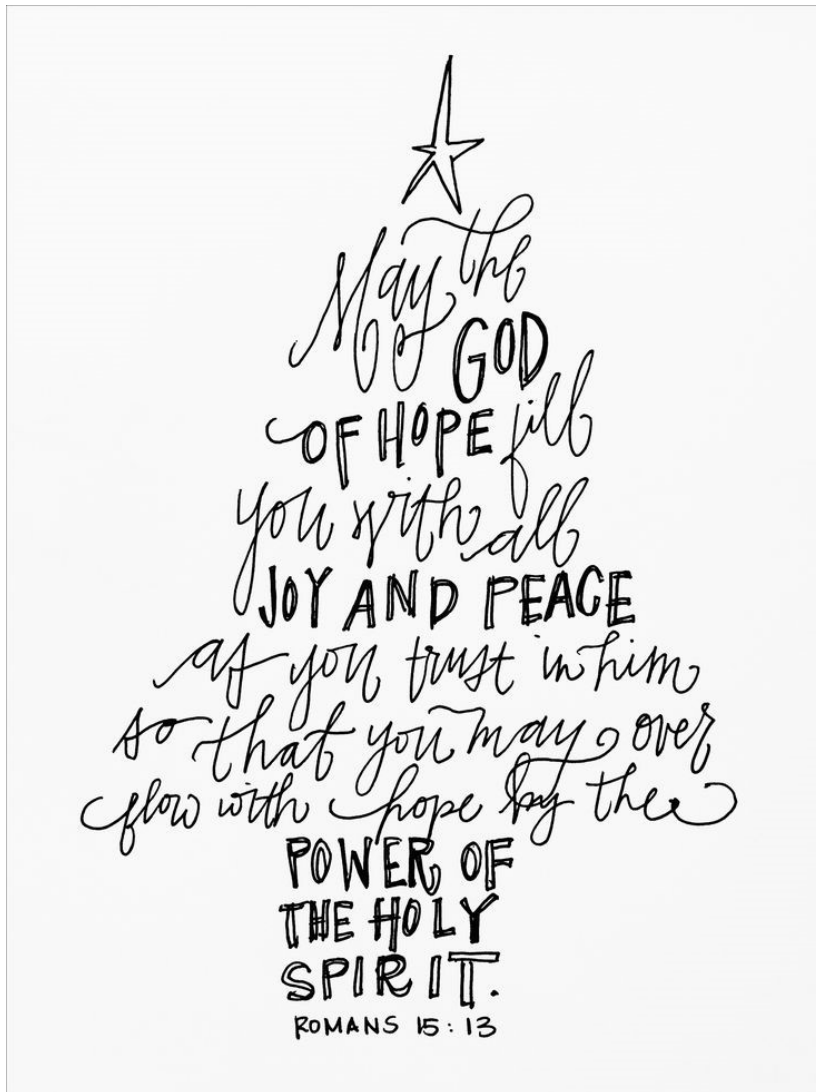


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7-8pm**



## Whitefriars Prayer Diary December 2017



If you would like anything included in next month's prayer diary please contact Imogen Allen by 14th of the month.

## PRAYER DIARY December 2017

1	Pray for the Children's Christmas Party taking place at Whitefriars tonight. As we hope to connect people into our wider Christmas services, pray that links are built over the fun and crafts provided.
2	Today let's pray for Derek and Jane Waller who are doing missionary work in Madagascar . Give thanks for the visa which Jane has been given. Pray that they will be protected in the work that God has planned for them and that they will know clearly what they are to be doing in that country.
3	God of hope, be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together, be with us in our worship and our praying together, be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond.
4	Pray today for the Missional Community. Ask God to bless and enrich their ministry and relationships.
5	Today Lord, we pray for the Kids Play trip which connects the young people throughout our church and wider youth groups. We ask that friendships will be built and that the young people will feel valued and precious.
6	Sing a carol today, allow the words of hope and promise resonate throughout your daily activities and routine.
7	"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way... a voice of one calling in the wilderness... Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." Mark 1:1-3. How are you preparing for Christ's return? Pray that you can make a straight path for him.
8	Pray for the Church's home groups today, that they can be a place for sharing and learning together.
9	Today pray for the children and young people within our church.
10	Pray for stepping out today and the various groups and communities that meet across our parish.
11	Take some time to appreciate winter today. As God created each season, start to breathe in the cold air and recognise the cycle of nature around you. Praise God for his stunning creation and pray for its conservation.
12	Pray for the diocese today, for Bishop Donald and Bishop John. Ask that God would guide them as they lead and direct our area.
13	Today we pray for those who struggle financially, especially at Christmas.
14	Give a gift to someone today, let them know how much God loves them.
15	Pray over Rushden lakes and the staff who work busily over this season.
16	Restore us, O Lord, we pray, bring us back to that place, where we once met, as shepherds to the stable, after hearing angels sing. Bring us back to that place, when our love was fresh, not embarrassed to express itself in praise to our heavenly King.

17	Pray for the Carol service taking part in church today. As we sing words of glory and remember the birth of our Saviour, pray that the true meaning of Christmas is proclaimed in our community and church.
18	As schools break this week, pray that the children can have a safe and joyful holiday. Pray for the teachers as they take a well earned rest. Thank God for all that they do and are to our children.
19	Today pray for the homeless community in Rushden. As the nights become freezing and the isolation creeps in, pray that they would feel God's spirit.
20	Lord we lift up refugees to you today. Please help them to find rest and a home at this time of family; provide for them in miraculous ways, amen.
21	We pray for families today. Lord would you please heal any relationships that have torn families apart. We ask that you would help to connect those that you have paired together. Let your grace and forgiveness take priority.
22	Lord, we're sorry for all the times that we let you slip into the background. We thank you that you sent your only son to be our eternal saviour. Help us to focus on you over these next few days as business tries to takeover.
23	We pray for other Church services that are happening across the nation this week. We pray for the beautiful diversity of each unique service. Would this nation come to their eternal home this Christmas.
24	Please pray for the nativity service taking place at church today.
25	Take time to celebrate today. Truly sing for joy as we praise God for sending his son into our world, to save us from our overwhelming sin. Jump up and down and take delight in the present God has given us.
26	Lord we pray for those who have to work over this holiday period. We especially thank you for those who work for the emergency services and other jobs that keep us safe and healthy. Would you, God, rest upon those delivering care and protection. Please bless them on this hard day of work, amen.
27	Pray for the older members of our community today. As the winter nights can seem scary and lonely, pray that they can feel the warmth of God's love.
28	"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7. What do you need to ask God for today? Spend some time praying for the things that worry you.
29	Please pray for our church's staff team today. As many members enjoy some rest and family time, pray that they can be recharged and equipped for the ministry that God has called them to.
30	Pray for our nation after this Christmas period. Pray that Christ's birth would not be forgotten but will be carried on to this next year and many more.
31	Today pray for new beginnings, take out some time to pray for forgiveness for this past year. Talk to God about your hopes for 2018.