

SUNDAY 29 November 2015
Advent Sunday: Lord, may this season be one of growth as we expose ourselves & the public to the Gospel. Our musicians will try to reach as many people as possible in Your name - may Your Holy Spirit prepare us all by opening hearts to receive the Christ child.

MONDAY 30 November 2015
"Your Gospel, O Lord, is the hope for our nation ... It's the power of God for our salvation ... We ask not for riches, but look to the cross ... & for our inheritance give us the lost: You are the Lord. Send Your power, O Lord our God"
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TUESDAY 01 December 2015
"I want to sing it, I want to shout it, I want to tell you all about it; The love of Jesus, the love of Jesus; it brings the glory to my soul! I can't compare it, I want to share it, I feel I really must declare it."
Joy Webb 2015SASB370.

WEDNESDAY 02 December 2015
Our Corps will be working hard this season; musicians, junior musicians, collectors, parcel packers & carriers etc. Lord, we place all this at Your feet for You to bless & use for Your glory. We pray You grant us all the joy of knowing we are pleasing You & helping the poor.

THURSDAY 03 December 2015
We pray for people everywhere who have been bereaved of friends & loved ones & therefore face a forlorn Christmas. We claim Your promise of comfort for those who mourn & that they will find consolation in Your Church family. *Ref Matt5:4 & Ps68:5,6a.*

FRIDAY 04 December 2015
We & the public will hear plenty of carols in the coming days. We pray You will empower our message & that we all shall turn to You through it & find new & deeper truths in the familiar words.

SATURDAY 05 December 2015
"... We've a great High Priest who's gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to Him & never stop trusting Him. This High Priest understands our weaknesses, for He faced all the same temptations we do, yet He didn't sin. So let's come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we'll receive His mercy & we'll find help when we need it."
Heb4:14-16. Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

SUNDAY 06 December 2015
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, & is, & is to come." *Rev4:8b.* Thus, Lord Jesus, all in heaven worship You. The everlasting joy of worshipping in Your presence is way beyond earthly happiness & pleasure. You are indeed the pearl of great price. *Matt13:44,45.*

MONDAY 07 December 2015
"We have a song to sing you, we have a theme to bring you, we have a message from the Gospel to proclaim. ... We have a Saviour & Jesus is His name." *Joy Webb, The Joystrings 1964.* We pray for all who lift Your name on high this carolling season.

TUESDAY 08 December 2015
100's toy parcels are being packed this week for the ever increasing number of children from poor & disadvantaged families. All parties agree that our nation's welfare bill is unsustainable. We pray for an inspired answer akin to William Booth's vision 'In Darkest England & the Way Out'.

WEDNESDAY 09 December 2015
Lord, we thank You for the many kind, compassionate people - many of whom are unconnected with TSA - who are lovingly devoting time, energy & resources into our Christmas parcels projects. Bless, we pray, all the love, effort & goodwill so freely given for Your glory.

THURSDAY 10 December 2015
Pleasure is fleeting & has no lasting value whereas joy has a spiritual dimension & has eternal value. *Ref Matt6:19-21.* Lord, help us to store 'treasure in heaven' this Christmas & always. We pray for that joy which radiates to others that they may be stirred to seek it for themselves in You.

FRIDAY 11 December 2015
"Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand & let it shine for all. In the same way let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." *Matt5:15,16.* We pray the public see Your glory & Your goodness rather than our own.

SATURDAY 12 December 2015
"There was nothing beautiful or majestic about His appearance, nothing to attract us to Him. He was despised & rejected, a Man of Sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief. We turned our backs on Him & looked the other way when He went by. He was despised & we did not care." *Isaiah 53:2b,3.* Lord, we pray for Your help to give us the miracle of really reaching the public with the Gospel.

SUNDAY 13 December 2015
Corps Carol Service: The world majors on Christmas traditions but Your people come before Your in praise, thanks & worship because of Your awesome gift of Jesus to us all. Jesus, You are wonderful beyond words - we bow before You with tears of joy! You are our Hope!

MONDAY 14 December 2015
This week the Christmas food parcels are packed & delivered to needy people. Lord we pray for the recipients that they will perceive the gift as a token of Your goodness & unconditional love to all people. We pray that givers & helpers will experience Your Christmas joy.

TUESDAY 15 December 2015
"God blesses those who realise their need for Him." *Matt5:3.* We ourselves & the world are in hopeless crisis if we don't call on You. We praise & thank You, Immanuel God that You do not fail us & are here with us in every situation

WEDNESDAY 16 December 2015
People try to buy or sell the 'magic' of Christmas - the magic is not to be found in the material world. Lord, help us communicate to a needy, hurting, hopeless & dying world that You are life's answer. If we all trusted & obeyed You, the world would be perfect. Amen.

THURSDAY 17 December 2015
Many people are isolated from family & communities by bitter disputes & regrettable things said & done. We as your people praise & acknowledge You as the Great Healer, Peacemaker & Reconciler; & that through Yourself we can all live in happiness & harmony. Hallelujah!

FRIDAY 18 December 2015
Our musicians are engaged in a strenuous carolling programme so we pray You sustain them & grant them the joy of them knowing they are pleasing You & are moving people to receive Your Gospel.

SATURDAY 19 December 2015
City centre carolling: Our music is authentic because we believe &, with Your help, try to live out the Message. We pray You empower the music & that Your Holy Spirit draws people to listen & be changed by what You help them hear. We pray that hearts & their defences are softened & that people turn to Yourself so discovering how deeply You love them.

SUNDAY 20 December 2015

Jesus, born in a filthy stable with no social advantages, willingly died an agonising & shameful death yet You are King of kings & Lord of lords - Lord, what a puzzle! Help us to find that it makes sense only when we cling to You & hold everything else loosely.

MONDAY 21 December 2015

Are we ready for Christmas? Are we ready to meet You, Lord? If You walked in upon us today, tomorrow, the next day, would we measure up to Your call? Would we be ashamed, embarrassed at Your sudden presence? Lord, such grace! You have come to save us! Hallelujah!

TUESDAY 22 December 2015

Lord Jesus, all the Messianic prophecies in the Bible affirm Your divinity. You are the world's answer & salvation. Your Holy Spirit speaks to us deeply within to say: You really exist, You really love us & You really want to help us be holy. Hallelujah!

WEDNESDAY 23 December 2015

Lord, help us discover afresh the wonder of You actually coming as a vulnerable babe in absolute humility to save the world. Help us to picture those proclaiming angels before lowly shepherds with their wonderful message of Your Good News & goodwill to all humankind.

THURSDAY 24 December 2015

Desperate times, social exclusion, oppression by the powerful, the human crisis of childbirth - it's all there in the Nativity. Lord, we are filled with awe & gratitude that You should enter our world to share in our scariest & neediest of circumstances. Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

FRIDAY 25 December 2015

Christmas Day: Lord Jesus, Your gracious purpose goes back to the beginning of time & will endure till the end of time. Teach us, Lord, that the joyful message proclaimed at Bethlehem all those years ago is Good News for us today, here & now.

SATURDAY 26 December 2015

St Stephen's Day. Christmas brings so much joy yet, sadly, Christians are increasingly being persecuted - it has been said we are the most persecuted group on earth. Lord, we pray for our afflicted Christian family; may You uphold them through their ordeal. Help us all to keep them in our thoughts & prayers & to support them however we can.

SUNDAY 27 December 2015

Millions of children will be enjoying their presents while their elders share their delight. Lord, You give us so much & Your generosity is undeserved by us especially when we realise that Your best gifts to us are not things. Lord, help us to give generously but also wisely like You.

MONDAY 28 December 2015

Jesus, Prince of Peace, You were killed by those who deemed it politically expedient to do so. Innocent people, even children, are still being murdered by extremists for political ends. On this 'Holy Innocents' Day' (*Matt 2:16*) we pray for all victims of atrocity & terrorism.

TUESDAY 29 December 2015

Lord Jesus, in Your grace & strength we can look out for our needy & suffering fellows rather than just looking to our own interests (*Matt 6:31-33*). Teach us more & more that unselfish 'agape' love is the currency of treasure in heaven. Make us all rich in this, Lord.

WEDNESDAY 30 December 2015

In this season of family get-togethers & celebration we pray for those families separated by duty, illness Or any other circumstance. We know You created humankind for community so we pray You will help us be hospitable especially to those far from home & family.

THURSDAY 31 December 2015

As 2015 draws to a close we thank You & praise You heartily for answered prayers. Many concerns & problems persist seemingly unanswered but we know we have received sufficient grace to get through them. In praying we know the joy & comfort of Yourself. Hallelujah!

FRIDAY: 01 January 2016

New Year: Lord, we will let go of the past - our mistakes, our regrets, disappointments & failures - for You have made us new! Hallelujah! In this great truth we will move on in hope trying to be more loving, caring & obedient to You.

SATURDAY 02 January 2016

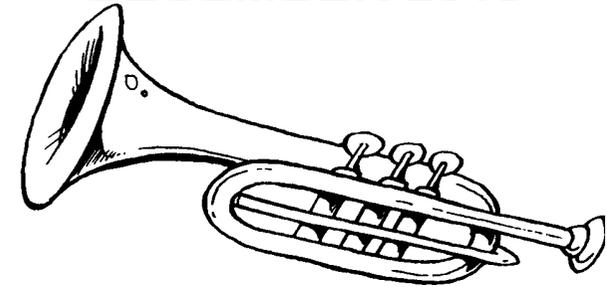
This, this is the God we adore, our faithful, unchangeable Friend, whose love is as great as His power, & knows neither measure nor end. 'Tis Jesus, the First & the Last, whose Spirit shall guide us safe Home; we'll praise Him for all that is past, & trust Him for all that's to come. SASB 962 (1041).



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PRAYER CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2015



THIS MONTH'S CORPS FOLK TO PRAY FOR:-

Frances Jones
Mary Hunt
Joan Carter
Dave Elliott
Mike Essex
Betty Vye
Caroline Laidlow
Pragash Wesley
Elliot Hurd
Eric Freeman
Donna Adlington
Mandy Scott