

# Tyne Valley Parish Church

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## Prayer Diary JANUARY 2022

Short daily prayers for people and situations, our Church, our local Community and further afield.



*Bowed in awe I worship at your feet  
And sing Immanuel, God is with us.  
Sharing my humanness, my shame,  
Feeling my weaknesses, my pain,  
Taking the punishment, the blame, Immanuel.*  
Graham Kendrick

### Saturday 1st

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means God with us." Matthew 1:23  
Lord, thank You for being with us through all the ups and downs of 2021. We pray that You will help us to strengthen our faith as we seek to walk more closely with You during 2022.

### SUNDAY 2nd

"God is my salvation, I trust, I won't be afraid." Isaiah 12:2  
Crown Him with many crowns the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing, God sent His Son for me,  
Now hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.  
Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring and Chris Tomlin

### Monday 3rd

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5

Lord, we thank you that in what sometimes seems like a very dark world Your light shines giving us hope.

### Tuesday 4th

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us." Romans 5:5  
Lord, we pray for the ongoing Covid-19 situation. Help leaders to make wise decisions and help us all to be willing to make sacrifices for the good of everybody.



### Wednesday 5th

"His generosity never gives out... this God of grace, this God of love." Psalm 111:3-4  
Father, thank You for giving us everything we need and most of all for sending us Your Son to save us through His sacrifice.

### Thursday 6th

"Love others as well as you love yourself." Matthew 22:40  
In the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need.

### Friday 7th

"For You created my inmost being, You knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13  
Lord, we pray for Tearfund and other charities who work to relieve suffering across the world. We pray for the folk who are willing to give up a comfortable life to go and work where there is a need, quite often in a dangerous part of the world. Give them the strength and courage they need.

### Saturday 8th

"Look to the Lord and His strength, seek His face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11  
Lord, we pray for Messy Church. Guide the team of leaders in their planning and help them to make wise decisions as they consider whether changes should be made in the way it is run.

### SUNDAY 9th

"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18  
"Crown him the Son of God, before the worlds began,  
And ye, who tread where He hath trod,  
Crown him the Son of Man;  
Who every grief hath known, that wrings the human breast,  
And takes and bears them for His own, that all in him may rest."  
Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring

### Monday 10th

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16  
In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we need.

### Tuesday 11th

"Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100:3  
Father, we pray for those whose mental health has suffered due to the knock on effects of Covid-19 and who have turned to drink and drugs as the only way they know to cope. We pray for those who seek to help them, like Pastor Mick in Burnley, that You would give them the strength they need.

### Wednesday 12th

"Blessed be God, my mountain... He's the bedrock on which I stand." Psalm 144:1  
We pray for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, remembering especially Alan Cobain who used to be our minister and is now an Army Chaplain, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives.

### Thursday 13th

"Search me O God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts." Psalm 139:23  
In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

### Friday 14th

"Here is a trustworthy saying: if anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task." 1 Timothy 3:1  
Father, we pray for our Minister, Dale, that You would guide Him as He leads us as a congregation seeking to do Your will.

### Saturday 15th

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing we will be content with that." 1 Timothy 6:6-8  
Lord I want to believe, but sometimes I don't find it easy, for there is much that I cannot make sense of. Take both my faith and my doubt, my certainty and my questions, and use all to draw me closer to You.



## SUNDAY 16th

"Reach out to those who are oppressed.  
Share their burdens." Galations 6:2

*My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest friend  
but wholly trust in Jesus name  
Christ alone, Cornerstone,  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love,  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.*



Robert Critchley

## Monday 17th

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." Psalm 55:22

Lord we pray for folk who are waiting for, or who have just had surgery. Lord, watch over them and keep them safe; give them patience if they have had a long wait and help them to recover quickly.

## Tuesday 18th

"The Lord God gives me the right words to encourage the weary." Isaiah 50:4

We pray for those in our community who are struggling with a feeling of loneliness and isolation. Lord, speak to them and help them to know that You care for them. Use us to show Your love to those we meet, to those we live beside and prompt us with what to say to them.

## Wednesday 19th

"Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. Philippians 2:9-10

Pray for Afghanistan where children are starving to death as they face the bleakest of winters. The country is in the grip of a catastrophic food shortage – half of the population don't have enough to eat. Now, the bitter cold is setting in, with temperatures dropping to as little as -20°C.

## Thursday 20th

"No one can please God by simply obeying the law. So we put our faith in Christ Jesus, and God accepted us because of our faith." Galatians 2:16

Merciful God, teach me to trust in Your love, and rejoice in Your mercy. Help me to let go of recriminations, doubt and fears that hold me captive and to accept the freedom You have won for me in Christ.

## Friday 21st

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

Lord, we think of those who have been bereaved of a loved one; may they know the comfort of Your love surrounding them when they feel the ache of loneliness.

*"Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share.  
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer."*

## Saturday 22nd

"Look at the birds in the sky! They don't plant or harvest. They don't store grain in barns. Yet Your Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren't you worth more than the birds?" Matthew 6:26  
Lord, thank You for the world You have made, so full of beauty. Open my eyes afresh and help me to see Your hand in creation and Your love in the daily routine of life.

## SUNDAY 23rd

"Through Christ's death on the cross, those who turn to Him are delivered from both the penalty and the power of sin."

1 Peter 2:24-25

*"Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I find a place to stand,  
And wonder at such mercy  
that calls me as I am;  
For hands that should discard me  
hold wounds which tell me, "Come."  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
my unworthy soul is won."*



Kristyn Getty

## Monday 24th

"Everything you were taught can be put into a few words:  
Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about."

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Lord, we thank You for all who have taken on responsibilities in TVP and who give of their time and energy freely to keep everything running smoothly. We pray that you would bless them and give them the energy they need for their tasks.

## Tuesday 25th

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." Psalm 127:1

Lord we pray for the Middle East and the continued trouble there. We pray for those who are having their lives torn apart by the fighting, have mercy on them and relieve their suffering.

## Wednesday 26th

"I love the Lord, for He heard my voice, he heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live." Psalm 116:1

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us - but Father You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges.

## Thursday 27th

"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

Father, we pray for elderly people who as they get older find life more challenging, who have to cope with not being able to do the things they used to do and we pray You would provide them with the support they need.

## Friday 28th

You're my place of quiet retreat; I wait for Your Word to renew me." Psalm 119:114

Father, in the busyness of life help us to make spending time with You a priority. Help us to listen to Your voice and allow You to fill us with Your peace.

## SUNDAY 29th

"Let the name of the Lord be praised both now and for evermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113:2

*Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

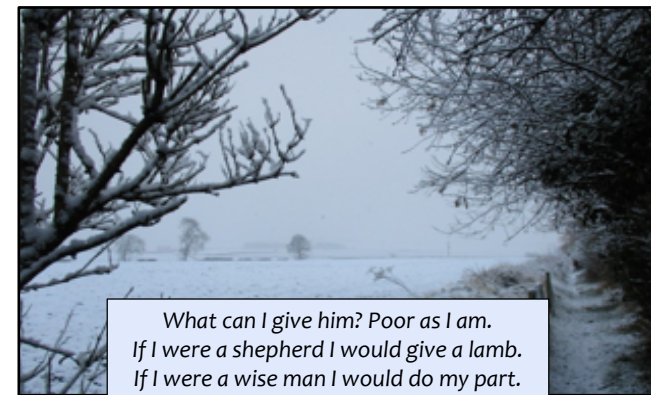
## Monday 30th

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works so that no-one can boast." Ephesians 2:8

Father thank You for the sacrifice that Jesus made so that we might be forgiven. We give to You every hurt and grievance we hold and ask You to help us to forgive as You have forgiven us.

## Tuesday 31st

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory ... for ever and ever." Ephesians 3:20



*What can I give him? Poor as I am.  
If I were a shepherd I would give a lamb.  
If I were a wise man I would do my part.  
But what I can I give him, give my heart.  
Christina Rosetti*

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