 St Nicholas Prayer Dairy

December 2021

‘When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord;  
    he brought me into a spacious place.  
The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.  
    What can mere mortals do to me?’

Psalm 118 v 5-6 (NIV)

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| Wednesday  1st | **Give thanks** for an event you are looking forward to.  **Pray for** retail and light industry within our Benefice especially with the escalating energy costs.  **Pray for those who live on** Vicarage Meadows and Crown Place, Dereham.  **On my heart today…** |
| Thursday  2nd | **Give thanks for**  **Pray for** our new Parish Administrator and the process to appoint a replacement. Pray for those who need to make difficult decisions about putting family first.  **Pray for those who live on** Chapel Walk and Chapel Mews, Dereham and the parish of Shipdham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Friday  3rd | **Give thanks for** Your Promise ‘I am with you always, until the very end of the age’.  **Pray for** building and maintenance projects within our churches.  **Pray for those who live on** Wrights Walk and Beech Court, Dereham and the parish of Bradenham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Saturday  4th | **Give thanks for** family and friends.  **Pray for** countries around the world waiting for vaccines.  **Pray for those who live on** Banyard Place and Banyard Court, Dereham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Sunday  5th | **Give thanks** all who have served in positions of responsibility within our churches during the pandemic, giving thanks for all they have done.  **Pray for** our clergy team as they prepare to visit schools and care homes to participate in their Christmas celebrations, that their words will be God inspired and speak to people’s hearts.  **Pray for those who live in** Mayes Terrace and Beatrice Avenue, Dereham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Monday  6th | **Give thanks for** our Lord God, rejoice in Him!  **Pray for** our Mother’s Union, for their work and mission.  **Pray for those who live on** The Dodmans and Howard Crescent, Dereham. |
| Tuesday  7th | **Give thanks** for The Lord’s steadfast love throughout all ages.  **Pray for** those who are exploring faith, that those close to them will be given the right words to speak.  **Pray for those who live on** Prospect Place and Foundry Square, Dereham and the parish of Swanton Morley.  **On my heart today**… |
| Wednesday  8th | **Give thanks** for answered prayer.  **Pray for** our clergy Team that they will be sustained by the Holy Spirit to have both energy and health during this busy period of Advent.  **Pray for those who live on** South Green Gardens and Epsom Gardens, Dereham and the parish of Beetley.  **On my heart today**… |
| Thursday  9th | **Give thanks** that in Your sight ‘I am work in progress’.  **Pray for** those who continue to access online worship to find ways of becoming part of our church communities.  **Pray for those who live on** Belgrave Gardens and Eaton Gardens, Dereham and the parish of Hoe.  **On my heart today**… |
| Friday  10th | **Give thanks** for our schools and colleges, those who nurture and the nurtured.  **Pray for** our young people as they face continued disruptions in their education due to Covid and pray for them and their families as they consider vaccination against covid.  **Pray for those who live on** Ascot Gardens and Moorgate Road, Dereham and the parish of East Bilney.  **On my heart today**… |
| Saturday  11th | **Give thanks** for those who support you.  **Pray for** those preparing for marriage and families bringing children for Baptism.  **Pray for those who live on** Southend and Heffer Close, Dereham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Sunday  **12th** | **Give thanks for** God’s love which passes all understanding and never changes.  **Pray for** an ability to draw near to people to enable us to walk alongside them as you walk alongside us.  **Pray for those who live on** Haig Close and Hyde Road, Dereham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Monday  13th | **Give thanks** our gardens, at home and in public spaces.  **Pray for** music making within our churches; for those responsible and those who participate that our worship will be heartfelt and acceptable to You.  **Pray for those who live in** Swan Road and Fox Road, Dereham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Tuesday  14th | **Give thanks for** our farming communities.  **Pray for** our thoughts to be fixed on God, reverently and with love.  **Pray for those who live on** Cygnet Road and Jentique Close, Dereham and the parish of Scarning.  **On my heart today**… |
| Wednesday  15th | **Give thanks for** someone you love.  **Pray for** those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic as they continue their life journey without loved ones.  **Pray for those who live on** Walnut Way and Cabinet Close, Dereham and the parish of Shipdham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Thursday  16th | **Give thanks for** those who have influenced your Christian journey.  **Pray for** God to show you what you don’t see about yourself.  **Pray for those who live on** South Green and Thorp Court, Dereham and the parish of Bradenham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Friday  17th | **Give thanks for** the way God changes us for the better.  **Pray for** ongoing process of filling the vacancy at Shipdham and Bradenham that the right person will be found.  **Pray for those who live on** Russet Way and Pippin Close, Dereham and the parish of Swanton Morley.  **On my heart today**… |
| Saturday  18th | **Give thanks for** our daily bread.  **Pray for** those who serve God overseas: Our mission partners Andrew and Shona.  **Pray for those who live on** Captain Ford Way and Metamec Drive, Dereham.  **On my heart today** |
| Sunday  19th | **Give thanks for** volunteers in all areas of life.  **Pray for** those who make our churches ready for worship and decorate ready for the festive season.  **Pray for those who live on** Copsey Walk and Cosey Walk, Dereham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Monday  20th | **Give thanks for** being able to share Christmas with family and friends.  **Pray for** help to see people as You see them and be as You are with us.  **Pray for those who live on** Waples Way and Howlett Close, Dereham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Tuesday  21st | **Give thanks for** those who translate the Bible into ethnic minority languages.  **Pray for** those waiting for delayed surgery and treatments.  **Pray for those who live on** Lineside and Perkins Court, Dereham and the parish of Swanton Morley.  **On my heart today**… |
| Wednesday  22nd | **Give thanks for** God always being with us.  **Pray for** God’s help to remember more of what we learn about Him.  **Pray for those who live on** Cartledge Close and Barnaby Close, Dereham and the parish of Beetley.  **On my heart today**… |
| Thursday  23rd | **Give thanks for** our schools and colleges.  **Pray for** the voiceless in society (disability, age, ethnicity, language, homelessness)  **Pray for those who live on** Tebbutt Avenue and Boston Close, Dereham and the parish of Hoe.  **On my heart today**… |
| Friday  24th | **Give thanks for** our Clergy and reader team and their ministry within the Benefice.  **Pray for** the Christingle Services tonight, for safety and rejoicing in the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.  **Pray for those who live on** Johnson Close and Bayfield Avenue, Dereham and the parish of East Bilney.  **On my heart today**… |
| Saturday  25th | **Give thanks** for the greatest gift of all!  **Pray for** our Christmas services today, for time with family and friends but equally being aware of those for today who might be a difficult day.  **Pray for those who live on** Crane Close and The Sidings, Dereham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Sunday  26th | **Give thanks for** those who welcome people into our churches.  **Pray for** forgiveness when we go wrong and stray from God’s chosen path.  **Pray for those who live on** Daphne Close and Baxter Row, Dereham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Monday  27th | **Give thanks for** opportunities to share our faith (please help us to be brave)  **Pray for** a strengthening of our togetherness in You.  **Pray for those who live on** Littlefields and Holme Close, Dereham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Tuesday  28th | **Give thanks** for the variety of churches within the Benefice.  **Pray for** our eyes to be opened to injustice in the world and to be nudged into being bolder in standing up against it.  **Pray for those who live on** Mary Unwin Road and Courtney Close, Dereham and the parish of Scarning.  **On my heart today**… |
| Wednesday  29th | **Give thanks** for the joy a winter walk can bring.  **Pray for** encouragement to be challenged and never remain static in our Christian journey.  **Pray for those who live on** Rolling Pin Lane and Vicarage Meadows, Dereham and the parish of Shipdham.  **On my heart today**… |
| Thursday  30th | **Give thanks** for family and friends.  **Pray for the** time and ability to look back over the last year with objectivity, celebrating the good and laying the bad at the foot of the cross.  **Pray for those who live on** Gilpins Ride and Sardis Way, Dereham and the parish of Bradenham.  **On my heart today…** |
| Friday  31st | **Give thanks for** the last year.  **Pray for all** who are alone tonight.  **Pray for those who live on** The Grove and Carlton Close, Dereham and the parish of Swanton Morley.  **On my heart today**… |