 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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| Wednesday1st | **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…** |
| Thursday2nd | **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**… |
| Saturday4th | **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**… |
| Sunday5th | **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**… |
| Monday6th | **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.  |
| Tuesday7th | **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**… |
| Wednesday8th | **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**… |
| Thursday9th | **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**… |
| Friday10th | **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**… |
| Saturday11th | **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**… |
| Monday13th | **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**… |
| Tuesday14th | **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**… |
| Wednesday15th | **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**… |
| Thursday16th | **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**… |
| Friday17th | **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**… |
| Saturday18th | **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** |
| Sunday19th | **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**… |
| Monday20th | **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**… |
| Tuesday21st | **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**… |
| Wednesday22nd | **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**… |
| Thursday23rd | **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**… |
| Friday24th | **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**… |
| Saturday25th | **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**… |
| Sunday26th | **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**… |
| Monday27th | **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**… |
| Tuesday28th | **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**… |
| Wednesday29th | **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**… |
| Thursday30th | **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…** |
| Friday31st | **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**… |