

Prayer Time

DECEMBER 2022



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"Now is God's promise born in the night; wake to its fullness; live in its light. Christ comes among us; people draw near! Come to the manger; Christmas is here.. "
~ from "Night long awaited", Voices Together, no. 242

THIS TIME OF PRAYER:

Make yourself comfortable in the prayer circle, or anywhere in the sanctuary where you feel you would like to spend time with God.

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In spoken prayers for others, please be respectful of privacy & confidentiality boundaries; unless a matter is already public knowledge, avoid naming individuals and their personal situation without the express permission of those involved.

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You may come and go at any time, as you need.
We will conclude the formal time at 6:55 with
praying the Lord's Prayer together.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR THIS SEASON:

Our Advent worship theme this year is "Restoration".
What area of your life is in need of God's restoration?
How have you seen God's restoring power active in or around you?

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Take time to worship the Saviour who descended to us to
restore us to right relationship with the Divine Creator.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:

We thank God that a number of people have responded to the call for volunteers for a visitation team, and will receive training & equipping early in the new year!

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As our volunteers work extra hard to bring us special worship event this Christmas season, pray for them, that God's Spirit may enable them to give of their talents, time & energy with joyful dedication.

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Pray for those who are struggling with significant health issues at this time: Peter Janzen, Udo Woelke, Frank Siemens, Marlene Heidebrecht and others.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:

There is so much obsession with materialism at this time of year; pray for those who are looking for a deeper meaning to life beyond all the spending & consuming.

How can we as a people of faith share the "something more" that people are hungering for?

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Pray for those in need of connection at a time when families spend the Holidays together; and for families who struggle with hostility and broken relationships in contrast to the happy, loving stereotypes of family life at Christmas.

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As we remember the Christ Child being born without a place to call home, and the Holy Family needing to flee the threat of violence, pray for people who are displaced by war & climate disaster, and are looking for refuge.

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Pray for those for whom warmth is a scarce commodity in the cold winter months.

My Prayers throughout the month of December :

