



HOLY TRINITY

KENDAL PARISH CHURCH

Prayer Calendar

January 2021

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen”.

Matthew 6:6



“My prayer is not for them alone.
I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,
that all of them may be one, Father,
just as you are in me and I am in you.”

John 17:20-21

Mon 4th	For Parliament and our new relationship with Europe. For the USA and its new leadership. For godly diplomacy, integrity, respect for truth, wisdom and healing of divisions.
Tues 5th	For God's direction in our church and diocese, and for Mat and Emma Ineson in their leadership. For spiritual and financial provision, not least with major maintenance issues.
Wed 6th	Epiphany: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Isaiah 60:3 As the Wise Men did, we come before you today in adoration.
Thurs 7th	For our children to know security in God's love, and our young people facing various challenges in study, work and future.
Fri 8th	For businesses facing hardship and uncertainty with Covid and Brexit. Give thanks for vaccine development and pray for fair and rapid distribution, especially to poorer countries.
Sat 9th	Give thanks for the growing number of sports and media personalities sharing their faith boldly. Pray for them, and for restoration and renewal of the church in UK.
Sun 10th	<u>METHODIST COVENANT RENEWAL</u> – see <i>last page for link</i> This prayer is said each year at this time in Methodist churches I am no longer my own but yours. Father God, help me to trust in you in all things.
Mon 11th	Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Help me to abandon my worldly pride, and to see that my identity is in Christ and my purpose is to glorify you in all I do and say.
Tues 12th	Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Help me to know when and how to act and when to wait and endure.
Wed 13th	Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you. It is hard to ask that we are laid aside or brought low. It is easier to ask to be employed and exalted. We pray therefore for humility; to accept your plan for our lives in all its seasons.
Thurs 14th	Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. Help me to value relationships above possessions, have a generous heart for others above myself.
Fri 15th	I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. I am no longer my own but yours.

Sat 16th	For the continued work of Manna House , for those who are employed and volunteer, and the people who accept its invitation of help and acceptance.
Sun 17th	For refugees and asylum seekers, many suffering hostile systems at the end of their journey. For their children, and for churches and individuals working for change.
Mon 18th	<u>WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</u> – see last page for link “You did not choose me but I chose you” (John 15:16a) Jesus Christ, you seek us, you wish to offer us your friendship and lead us to a life that is ever more complete. Grant us the confidence to answer your call so that we may be transformed and become witnesses of your tenderness for the world.
Tues 19th	“Abide in me as I abide in you” (John 15:4a) Holy Spirit, may we receive in our hearts the presence of Christ, and cherish it as a secret of love. Nourish our prayer, enlighten our reading of Scripture, act through us, so that the fruits of your gifts can patiently grow in us.
Wed 20th	“Love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12b) God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ and through our brothers and sisters. Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences and live in forgiveness. Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person comes to light. May all of us together be a reflection of the living Christ.
Thurs 21st	“I do not call you servants any longer... but I have called you friends” (John 15:15) Lord Jesus, your entire life was prayer, perfect harmony with the Father. Through your Spirit, teach us to pray according to your will of love. May the faithful of the whole world unite in intercession and praise, and may your kingdom of love come.
Fri 22nd	“You have already been pruned by the word...” (John 15:3) Blessed are you, God our Father, for the gift of your word in Holy Scripture. Blessed are you for its transforming power. Help us choose life and guide us by your Spirit, so that we can experience the happiness which you want so much to share with us.

Sat 23rd	<p>“Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last” (John 15:16b)</p> <p>Jesus Christ, we desire to welcome fully the brothers and sisters who are with us. You know how often we feel helpless in the face of their suffering, yet you are always there ahead of us and you have already received them in your compassion. Speak to them through our words, support them through our actions, and let your blessing rest on us all.</p>
Sun 24th	<p>“I am the vine, you are the branches” (John 15:5a)</p> <p>Holy Spirit, with fire and gentle breath, come and abide in us. Renew in us the passion for unity so that we may live in awareness of the bond that unites us in you. May all who have put on Christ at their Baptism unite and bear witness together to the hope that sustains them.</p>
Mon 25th	<p>“So that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11)</p> <p>Holy God, we thank you for having created and loved us. We thank you for your presence in us and in creation. May we learn to look upon the world as you look upon it, with love. In the hope of this vision, may we be able to work for a world where justice and peace flourish, for the glory of your name.</p>
Tues 26th	<p>Our local schools St Mark's CE School Natland, Appletree and Old Hutton CE School and for all the staff, pupils, parents and governors. For our continued work with schools - much of which is having to be done remotely.</p>
Wed 27th	<p>For our churches at Natland, Old Hutton and New Hutton - the people and buildings and for those who are not able to come to church at the moment.</p>
Thurs 28th	<p>For our working together across the Helm Mission Community to reach out with God's love.</p>
Fri 29th	<p>For all who minister across our Mission Community.</p>
Sat 30th	<p>For an openness to where and to what God might lead us to in the future.</p>
Sun 31st	<p>For stillness before God, responsiveness to His prompting through the day, eyes to see opportunities before us, love and generosity in serving, and clarity in sharing the good news of Jesus.</p>

Sources and useful links:

Covenant Prayer (Sunday 10th January): for more information and study guide on the please visit: [A covenant with God \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://methodist.org.uk)

Week of prayer for Christian Unity (Monday 18th January): prayers taken from and for more information, including study guide, please visit: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](https://ctbi.org.uk)