



# Prayers & Thanksgiving for November & December

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# We give thanks to the living God with thankful hearts:

**All Saints/Souls Day** is a special time dedicated to honouring and remembering our loved ones who are no longer with us. We give thanks for the important part they have played in our lives, and we treasure the wonderful memories we have of them. We give thanks for our two '**In Loving Memory**' services at St Dubricius and St James' church in early November and we ask for God's blessing on all who feel the pain of loss acutely at this time. Father of All, we bless you.



Over **Remembrance Sunday and Day**, we remember, with gratitude, all who have and are serving in wars and in conflicts; those would bare physical and emotional scars; those who we remember for their unyielding sacrifices; those that mean we can live in freedom. We remember all those held as hostages and for all who support our veterans. As we see poppies, may we give thanks for these brave people, who gave so much, and their families. We thank you for organisations like the Royal British Legion who do so much to support individuals and families. Father of All, we bless you.



We give thanks that we can meet with the living God, through Jesus, moment by moment in daily life; we delight in the fact that God isn't thousands of miles away, only paying a visit on 'special' occasions. So, we give thanks that He is in His world, in its profoundest depths and minutest details. We give thanks that every moment is God's moment; the kingdom of heaven is here; and we can say, "Yes, Lord, I am yours in this moment" in the middle of all that is going on. Father of All, we bless you.



We give thanks for **family and friendship** during these months when we 'hunker-down' to enjoy warming drinks and food in the safety of houses and homes; thank you for all that we have and enjoy – may we not take any of it for granted. And as the days grow colder and the nights draw in, we pray for those who have no friends, family or home; or who will struggle in these cold, darker, days. We give thanks for all the night shelters, food banks and warm places in our communities. May the light of Christ shine though us in this wintery darkness that all maybe blessed. Father of All, we bless you.



Thank you for the opportunity that the **birth of Jesus Christ** gives to each of us; thank you for the many visitors who will join us at the candle-lit churches and/or on village greens. Thank you for the opportunity to spread the Christian story with resounding joy. Thank you that we have a message to tell. Thank you for the Prince of Peace and our longings to see peace known across this earth, as we all reach out and take hold of his kingdom. Father of All, we bless you.



Thank you for all the **children** who go to school and live in our communities; We thank you for the schools and the teachers, who give so much. Thank you for the excited children preparing for Christmas and their nativity plays; we think of eager faces glowing as they take on roles, and of proud parents and guardians watching with eagerness and love. We thank you that you want to surround each child with your love and joy this Christmastime. Thank you for all that children can teach us about life. Father of All, we bless you.

