



Prayers for January & February

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We join together, before the Living God, to praise and pray with one voice:

During this season of Epiphany, we give thanks for all the gifts that we ourselves receive each day – from loved ones; in answered prayers; the kind words that we say to ourselves. As the Magi gave gifts to Jesus of gold, frankincense and myrrh, help us to think of the simple gifts we can offer to our friends and neighbours which will enhance their lives, and share something of you. **Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of life that you give to us; help us to live both receiving your grace and offering it to others. Amen.**



2026

As we begin 2026, we give thanks for an opportunity to prayerfully think about our own hopes and desires with God for this year. Thank you that it is a chance to move forward, to learn from past and to face this year with calmness, resilience and hope. Thank you that Jesus wants to walk, step-by-step, with this throughout the year. **Thank you, Jesus, for fresh beginnings and new opportunities. May we find you in all that you lead us into. Amen.**

During these dark and colder months, with shorter days and colder weather we pray for those who struggle to make ends meet; those who manage money carefully in order to be fed and kept warm; those who don't have the safety and comfort of a home. We thank you for our neighbours and ask that we can be watchful, prayerful and caring to those in need. **We pray for all those who need during these months. Amen.**



We give thanks for the outpouring of community spirit in Monmouth as homes and businesses are rebuilt after the devastating floods last November. We remember those who have had houses flooded and are coming to terms/dealing with all the many issues around this, praying that they can soon become peaceful homes again. We remember those businesses – both larger shops and the smaller independent shops who bring such a richness to the town, praying your hand of blessing on each of them during this terrible time. **Thank you, Jesus, for the town of Monmouth and we pray your blessing on all the businesses and people who live there. Amen.**

We continue to pray for those countries and peoples where there are wars, conflict, famine and disease. We pray for wisdom for world leaders; aid, support and care for those who are vulnerable; and hope for those caught up in world affairs. **Thank you, Jesus, that you care for every single person and situation; may your kingdom come afresh today. Amen.**



We thank you for Border News, our parish magazine. Thank you for the incredible hard work of a team of volunteers who do so much, often behind the scenes, to ensure that it produced and circulated each time. Thank you that it is a blessing to so many people. **Thank you, Jesus, for this wonderful team and publication. Amen.**



God of Life, like a promised land, you invite us to leave our frantic ways. Like a banquet-laden table, you bid us to restore our empty spirits. Like a pool of still waters, you call us to cease our crowded living. Like a bright and shining star, you lead us and restore our lives of wonder.

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