

proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah. Pray that we may have the same boldness and courage as Stephen, and pray for Christians who today suffer on account of their faith in Jesus.  
*Wadsworth Road*

27. Pray for Bow Fletcher, as she continues to adapt to life with a cochlear implant, and for the Fletcher's children to have patience with one another, and find things that they enjoy doing together. Pray for the Fletchers as they discern how best to support a family who has fallen on hard times, after the main bread winner suffered a stroke, and has been left unable to work.  
*Stokoe Court*

28. As we recall how Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus were forced to flee persecution at the hands of King Herod, and lived as refugees in Egypt, pray for refugees in the world today who through war, natural disaster, and poverty have been forced from their homes.  
*Ashman Close*

29. Pray for those who recently completed the Alpha Course will continue their journey of faith and discover more about God's plans and purposes for their lives.  
*Shankly Road*

30. It is estimated that at least 1 in 4 people experience some form of mental health problems during their lifetime. Pray that those who are struggling with their mental health

will get the help and support they need, and that they experience Christ's healing touch. Pray that as a church we can be a place where people can be open about their struggles, and find love and understanding.  
*Denton Mill Close*

31. Spend some time reflecting on 2019, and think about the ways in which God has supported and helped you during the last twelve months. Take time to thank God for his faithfulness over the last year, and commit to him the New Year to come.  
*Mcllmoyle Way*



## Prayer Diary December 2019

LOVING  
*Jesus*  
SERVING  
*the community*  
GROWING  
*disciples*

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1. Prayer for Advent Sunday: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Freer Court*
2. God of grace and truth, send your Spirit to guide us as we discover your will for our country. Help us to discuss the issues before us with courtesy, truth and mutual respect, and grant that all who stand for parliament will seek to serve the common good, through him who came not to be served, but to serve, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*Dale Street*
3. Pray for members of our church family who through illness or infirmity are unable to make it to church. Pray for those who will be receiving communion at home over the next week. *West Vale Court*
4. God of justice, please move the political parties to consider how the UK can become a more compassionate and fair society. Amen. Pray for the Guiding Service taking place today in St James, and for Kate as she speaks.  
*East Vale Court*

5. Give thanks to God for the incredible response to our Gift and Pledge Day last month. Pray that we might be able to appoint the right person for the post of Deputy Manager for Cornerstone and the Op Shop. *South Vale Court*
6. Pray for our link church in Sola, as they prepare to celebrate Christmas, and as they look forward to the completion of building work on their new church in 2020. *Dalston Street*
7. The Fletchers in Bangkok ask us to pray for the logistics of getting to RoyRak sales, which is complicated by early starts and three children to get to three different schools! The sustainability of the business relies on the sales that are made at this time of year. Pray for energy levels, encouraging sales and for Jon and the children as they feel the knock on effect! *Hope Street*
8. Pray for the four candidates standing for election as MP in Carlisle, Julia Aglionby (Liberal Democrats), Ruth Alcroft (Labour), Fiona Mills (UK Independence Party) and John Stevenson (Conservative Party). *Cumberland Street*
9. Pray for the church's work amongst children and youth, and for our Children and Families Worker Kate, and Youth Worker Ruth. Pray that our young people may know the love of Christ. *Westmorland Street*
10. Please pray for the street children work Garry Ion is involved with and the resettlement of the children back in their homes. Especially pray for Kenneth whose family rejected him and who has run back to the streets. Garry says, "Last week he got into a fight and had to have dental treatment, he visits the rehab home when he 'needs' us but we pray he will come back more permanently." *Westmorland Court*
11. Pray for the local council staff responsible for all the Polling Day arrangements. *Teasdale Place*
12. Lord, let Your will be done today. May your grace and mercy be upon our nation as we elect our new Government. Amen. *Halstead Close*
13. Pray for Santa as she undertakes English conversation sessions with two young girls, and for the relationship Santa is building with their mother Sofia. Pray for patience for Santa as things in Montenegro move slowly! *Morley Street*
14. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we consider how best to serve the wider community. Pray that God will lead and guide us as a church through his Holy Spirit. *Collingwood Street*
15. In this busy season, pray for inspiration for those preparing services, and other special events. Pray that our Christmas publicity will be seen by many people, and will attract many people to the special services taking place over the next ten days. *Lorne Crescent*
16. Pray for the carol service taking place this evening in the hospital at 6.30pm, which our mission community is involved with. Pray that it may bring Christmas cheer to staff, patients and their families. Pray also for the Cornerstone carol service taking place tonight at 7.30pm, and for Andy as he leads this. *Sheffield Street*
17. Miriam asks us to pray for the Agapé UK team and students they are discipling in Newcastle, to make the most of the Christmas season and to be bold sharing our hope in Jesus. Pray also for students to rest in the midst of revising over Christmas before their January exams, and connect with the deeper meaning of this season of Advent and Christmas. *Randall Street*
18. Pray for Toby in the church office, especially with all the extra work he has to do in preparing the various services. Pray that those who were recently elected to serve in parliament will act with integrity, compassion and humility. Pray that God will equip the new Prime Minister and their Government as they begin their term in office. *Nelson Bridge Court*
19. Pray for those attending Leisurely Lunch today, and the team who provide the meals. Pray this will be a time of good fellowship for all who attend. *Lime Street*
20. Pray for those who find Christmas a difficult time of the year, especially the lonely, those who work away from home, the unemployed, those who struggle financially, the sick, and the bereaved. *Thomas Street*
21. Pray for students and staff from our local schools, as they enjoy a well earned break over Christmas. *Conisburgh Court*
22. Pray for those who work in retail at this very busy time of the year. Pray especially for businesses that are struggling in this difficult financial climate. *Denton Street*
23. Pray for those who are homeless, and will be spending Christmas alone. Pray that we may discover afresh the Christmas message of care and compassion, and reach out to those in need. *Beveridge Road*
24. 'The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.' (John 1:9) Pray for the light of Christ to shine brightly in our lives this Christmas, and every day. *Coogan Close*
25. Today there are many people in our country who know very little about who Jesus is, and why he came, or even associate Christmas with the birth of Jesus. Pray that we may be like the shepherds who after seeing the new born Jesus 'spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child' (Luke 2:17). *Shepherds Close*
26. Today the church remembers Stephen, the first Christian martyr, who died for courageously