

# THIS ADVENT WE ARE INVITING THE VILLAGE CHAPEL CHURCH FAMILY TO COMMIT TO DIRECTED PRAYERS TOGETHER.

Our hope is that in these four weeks, we will be more present to the coming of Christ, and more aware of the importance of the Gospel message for us, and for others.

All four weeks have a carol, all seven days have a theme, and all twenty-eight days have a specific prayer direction and accompanying verse for meditation.

In the muchness of the season, it is the stillness before the Lord that will keep us mindful of the vast meaning of His coming. May we behold the glorious arrival of Christ with intention this year. He has indeed come, let us rejoice and be glad!



# "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL"

### **NOVEMBER 29**

ADVENT THEME -

Love of Christ

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

-1 JOHN 4:10

### **NOVEMBER 30**

SALVATION PRAYER -

One person all month, or a different one each week

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

-JOHN 3:16

### **DECEMBER 1**

FAMILY

Spiritual Life

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control: against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."

-GALATIANS 5:22-25

# **DECEMBER 2**

NASHVILLE -

# Local churches

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many."

-1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14

### **DECEMBER 3**

NATION -

# Wise and righteous leaders

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

-1 TIMOTHY 2:12

# **DECEMBER 4**

WORLD -

Gospel

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

—MATHEW 28:19

# **DECEMBER 5**

THE VILLAGE CHAPEL -

Word

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

-PSALM 119:105



# "IOY TO THE WORLD"

# **DECEMBER 6**

ADVENT THEME -

Toy of Christ

"And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

-LUKE 2:10,11

### **DECEMBER 7**

SALVATION PRAYER -

One person all month, or a different one each week

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

-EPHESIANS 2:8.9

### **DECEMBER 8**

FAMILY

# Relationships

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast: it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

-1 CORINTHIANS 13:5-7

### **DECEMBER 9**

NASHVILLE -

# Government

""By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just; by me princes govern, and nobles—all who rule on earth".

-PROVERBS 8:15

### **DECEMBER 10**

NATION -

Unity

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

-ROMANS 12:18

### **DECEMBER 11**

WORLD -

# Freedom

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,"

-LUKE 4:18

# **DECEMBER 12**

THE VILLAGE CHAPEL -

Worship

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

-PSALM 95:6

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# "COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

# **DECEMBER 13**

ADVENT THEME -

Hope of Christ

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope "

-ROMANS 15:13

# **DECEMBER 16**

Schools

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain puidance."

-PROVERBS 1:5

# **DECEMBER 14**

SALVATION PRAYER -

One person all month, or a different one each week

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

—IOHN 5-24

# **DECEMBER 15**

Health

"May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it!"

-1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

# **DECEMBER 17**

NATION -

Justice

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

-AMOS 5:24

# **DECEMBER 18**

WORLD -

Peace

"Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it."

-PSALM 34:14

# **DECEMBER 19**

THE VILLAGE CHAPEL -

Witness

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

-MATTHEW 5:14-16

WEEK



# "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

# **DECEMBER 20**

ADVENT THEME -

Peace of Christ

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

-COLOSSIANS 3:15

# **DECEMBER 21**

SALVATION PRAYER

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"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

-EPHESIANS 2:8,9

# **DECEMBER 22**

FAMILY .

Specific needs

"...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

-PHILIPPIANS 4:6

### **DECEMBER 23**

NASHVILLE

# Flourishing of the city

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

-JEREMIAH 29:7

# **DECEMBER 24**

NATION -

Revival

"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?"

-PSALM 85:6

# **DECEMBER 25**

WORLD -

# Wise creation care

"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

-GENESIS 1:26

# **DECEMBER 26**

THE VILLAGE CHAPEL -

With-ness

"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

-ACTS 2:42

"Light, unspoken and unspeakable light Breaks now. The Word at last made flesh, he comes, the comes the Son of God eternal comes!"

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