

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

*The naming & Circumcision of  
Jesus*

On this, your naming day,  
we give thanks ,Lord Jesus ,  
for all that your name means  
to us, in our hearts and in  
our daily lives.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

We pray that each and every  
day we may hold fast to a  
resolve to read the Bible.  
Help us to respect the Bible  
as God's word, and each day  
to consider His message to  
us.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

For all the possibilities  
ahead in this new year, make  
us thankful, O Lord. Give us  
wisdom, courage and  
discernment in the face of so  
much chaos, despair and  
fear. Help us to see how, in  
our circumstances, we can  
contribute towards peace,  
faith and love; and give us  
the will to translate our  
desires into actions.

*Brother John Charles SSF*

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O, who am I, that for my  
sake my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

The night has passed and the  
day lies open before us; let  
us pray together with one  
heart and mind.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

*The Epiphany*

O God, who by the leading  
of a star manifested your  
only Son to the peoples of  
the earth; mercifully grant  
that we, who know you now  
by faith, may at last behold  
your glory face to face.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Dear Lord, stay beside me to  
defend me, within me to  
guide me, before me to lead  
me, behind me to guard me,  
and above me to bless me.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

O Lord, as the years change,  
may we find rest in your  
eternal changelessness.  
Help us to meet this new  
year bravely, in the faith  
that, while life changes all  
around us, you are always  
the same, guiding us with  
your wisdom and protecting  
us with your love; through  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*William Temple*

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Give us, O Lord, such  
quietness of mind that we  
may hear You speaking to us  
today.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

O Lord, let me not live to be  
useless. *John Wesley*

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Here I am, Lord. Is it I,  
Lord?  
I have heard you calling in  
the night; I will go, Lord, if  
you will lead me, I will hold  
your people in my heart.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

*The Baptism of Christ*

Lord, I know that nothing  
can separate me from your  
love, neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons,  
neither things present, nor  
things to come, evil powers,  
heights, depths, or anything  
else in all creation - nothing  
at all! Thank you Lord.

*After Romans 8. 38-9*

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Lord, inspire us with your  
love, that we may work for  
your glory.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

O God, make the door of this  
house wide enough to  
receive all who need  
fellowship and love; let it be  
narrow enough to shut out  
all envy, pride and hate.  
Make its threshold be  
smooth enough so no one  
stumbles or goes astray; but  
rugged enough to turn back  
temptations. May it be a

gateway for people to meet  
with you and an entrance to  
your eternal kingdom.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

We give thanks for the  
televised services which  
bring Church into people's  
homes. We give thanks for  
Christians bringing  
Communion, prayer and  
compassion into those  
homes.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

Lord, inspire us with  
your love, that we may  
work for your glory.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

Lord our God, as with all  
creation we offer you the  
life of this new day. Give  
us grace to love and  
serve you, to the praise  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Dear Father, peace begins  
with You. I want to be at  
peace with You, then  
with myself, then with  
others around me. Father  
show me how to begin  
this process of being at  
peace.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

As we rejoice in the gift  
of this new day, so may  
the light of your  
presence, O God, set our

hearts on fire with love  
for you; now and for  
ever.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

We ask for the power of  
prayer in our lives. Give us  
the resolve to pray each day,  
and to regularly link with  
others in prayer. Give us the  
stillness to hear your  
message, and the wisdom to  
discern your will.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

O God our protector, by  
whose mercy the world  
turns safely into darkness  
and returns again to light,  
we give into your hands our  
unfinished tasks, our  
unsolved problems, and our  
unfulfilled hopes; for you  
alone are our sure defense  
and bring us lasting peace in  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dear Lord, you are the Way,  
the Truth and the Life. You  
have liberated us from  
darkness and shown us the  
way to live in the light.  
Help us to seek that light in  
this world, as you prepare us  
for the next.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

We commend to your  
fatherly goodness, O Lord,  
all who are anxious or  
distressed in mind and

body; comfort and relieve  
them in their time of need  
and bring them ever nearer  
to your love.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

*The Conversion of Paul*

Lord, You are closer to me  
than my own breathing,  
nearer than my hands and  
feet; teach me to breathe  
deeply in faith.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

Dear Lord, help us to create  
a sanctuary within  
ourselves, a space where we  
know you are, always. Help  
us also Lord to help others,  
to create that special place in  
them also.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Dear Lord, take our hands  
and work through them;  
take our lips and speak  
through them; take our  
minds and think through  
them; take our hearts and set  
them on fire with love for  
You.

Friday Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Be, Lord Jesus, a bright  
flame before me, a guiding  
star above me, a smooth  
path below me, a kindly  
shepherd behind me; today,  
tonight, and forever.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Lord Jesus, in this busy  
bustling life, help us to find  
the moments of quiet, when  
we can listen to your voice  
speaking to us.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Dear Lord, you have given  
us the power of the Holy  
Spirit to be with us, to guide  
and support us and to give  
us strong resolve to do that  
which is right. May it be at  
the heart of all our being and  
doing this day.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

Eternal Father, source of all  
life, whose love  
encompasses all of your  
creation, help us to treat all  
living things and all  
resources, with reverence  
and care.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

O gracious Light,  
Pure brightness of the  
everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and  
blessed!  
Now as we come to the  
rising of the sun, and our  
eyes behold the dawning  
light, we sing your praises O  
God: Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit. You are worthy at all  
time to be praised by happy  
voices, O son of God, O  
Giver of life,  
and to be glorified  
throughout all the worlds.

## Churches Together in Fordingbridge and District

### PRAYER LINK JAN 2025

I said to the man  
who stood at the  
gate of the year,  
'give me a light so  
that I may tread  
safely into the  
unknown'. And he  
replied, 'Go into the  
darkness and put  
your hand into the  
hand of God. That  
shall be to you  
better than light  
and safer than a  
known way!'

Prepared by  
Holy Ascension,  
Hyde. (PD)