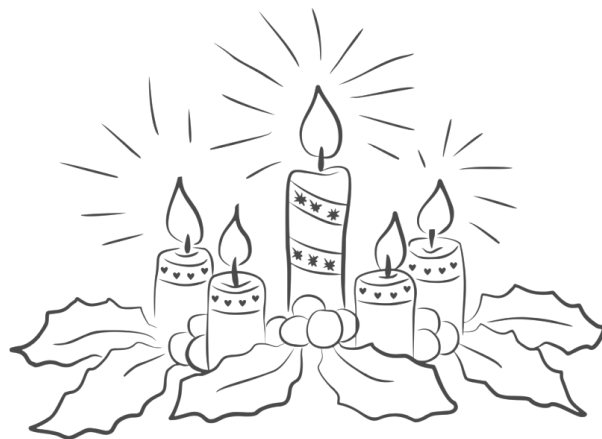


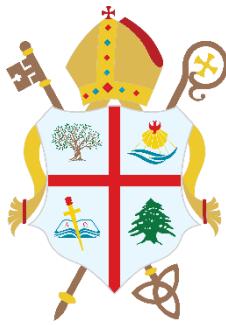


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**Daily Prayer Booklet  
Advent 2025**





Advent comes to us as a window God opens into his heart, inviting us to contemplate the deepest truth humanity has ever known: That God loved the world to the uttermost, so much so that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. In the humble manger—where there is no earthly glory, no lights, no thrones—God begins a new chapter in human history, a chapter whose title is love, whose language is nearness, and whose purpose is the salvation of souls.

When we look upon the Child born in Bethlehem, we remember that God did not wish to remain distant or to heal the wounds of the world from a distant heaven. He desired to enter our world, to take on our nature, to walk our roads, to feel our pain, and to draw near to us so that we might know that love is not an idea but a person—not merely a promise, but a presence. This is the heart of the Incarnation: that God became one of us so that we might become children within his love.

And if the Incarnation is God's love for us, then Christmas calls us to translate this love into our daily living. Christ was not born to change the world by force, but by love. Therefore, he invites us also to begin with simple, sincere steps—steps that resemble his gentle steps toward humanity. True love begins with our ability to accept the other even when they are different from us. For God did not require perfection from us in order to love us. He came into a wounded world, full of violence and sin, and yet he loved, forgave, and restored human dignity. In the same way, we are called to see the beauty in others, to embrace those who differ from us, and to remember always that every human being bears the image of God, whatever their appearance, thoughts, or background. When we treat one another with dignity, we are truly standing before that divine image planted within each person from creation: "Let us make humankind in our image."

In a world filled with voices that build walls, Christmas comes to remind us of the message of peace. Christ was born under the song of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, goodwill among people."

The peace proclaimed by the angels is not a mere slogan, but a long journey that begins with forgiveness and mercy. Many carry heavy wounds in their hearts—disappointments, hurts, and painful memories. But Christmas invites us to lay these wounds at the manger of Christ, that he may transform them into new opportunities for love. Forgiveness is not weakness; it is the very strength with which Christ triumphed on the cross. Reconciliation is not a surrender of what is right; it is a courageous step toward building a new life. For love is stronger than hatred and light stronger than darkness.

As we contemplate the manger, we realize that we are called to be makers of peace, builders of hope, and witnesses to the light of God. The Child born today does not seek perfect hearts, but hearts willing to love, to open their doors, and to carry even a small light into a world thirsty for hope. We celebrate the birth of the One who came to gather, not to scatter; to heal, not to break; to lead us into abundant life, not continual fear.

My beloved, in this season of the Incarnation, let us allow the light of Christmas to enter our depths, to change the way we see ourselves and others. Let this feast be an opportunity to rediscover the God who draws near, and to renew our commitment to be children of light and love—bringing into our homes, our churches, and our communities the spirit of reconciliation and hope. For Christ is Emmanuel, God with us... with us in our weakness, with us in our joy, and with us in every path we walk.

A blessed Christmas to you all. May the love of the Incarnation dwell in your hearts and fill your homes with grace, love, peace, and renewed hope.

++Archbishop Hosam Naoum

## Advent Season 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Day

The First Sunday of Advent 30/11/2025



Verse of the Day:

**God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.**

(1 John 4:9)

Prayer by Archdeacon Faeq Haddad:

O God of peace and love, we lift our eyes to the light of Your Nativity, asking that You fill our hearts with the wonder of Your presence. Teach us to grasp the depth of Your incarnate love—a love that enters the darkness of our lives and illumines our steps. Renew our hope in Christ; grant us to live through Him a life that frees us from fear, strengthens our peace, and moves us to carry Your love to everyone we meet. May this season be a time of returning to Your heart and rediscovering the life-giving tenderness of Your love.

We pray for our churches and congregations, that they may be beacons of Advent light—places where the weary find comfort, the seekers find answers, and the distant find a path home. Bless all Your people—children and elders, strong and weak, near and far—and grant us a love that reflects Your own, revealed in the birth of Your Son. Make us steadfast in Your light, faithful in witnessing to Your peace, and confident as we walk toward Your blessed coming. Amen.

Daily Cycle of Prayer:

- The Most Revd. Hosam & Mrs. Rafa Naoum
- Archbishop Hosam Naoum's office and team
- Archbishop's Consultants and Advisors

# Advent Season 2025

2nd Day

Monday 1/12/2025



Verse of the Day

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.**

(John 3:16)

Prayer by Rev'd Gavin Rosser:

Our heavenly Father,  
we rejoice that though we were bound for eternal death,  
you gave us eternal life through your one and only Son.  
Thank you that he took on human flesh for us,  
and died in our place on the cross.  
Please strengthen us and protect us from all the works of the evil one  
so that we may always hold to this blessed faith,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Daily Cycle of Prayer:

- Diocesan Offices in Jerusalem, Amman, and Beirut
- Diocesan Office staff and their families

## Advent Season 2025

3rd Day

Tuesday 2/12/2025



Verse of the Day:

**Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

(1 John 4:8)

Prayer by Rev'd Canon Nael Abu Rahmon:

Almighty Heavenly God, Source of all goodness and fountain of love, we thank You for revealing Yourself to us through the Incarnation of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. In Him You fulfilled Your promise of salvation and made known to us the greatness of Your love. Forgive us for our failure to know You more deeply because of the weakness of our love. Grant us strength, courage, and grace to see You in the faces of others and to love them with Your own love, so that our lives may reflect a true and living love that reveals Your presence in our deeds, words, and thoughts.

O Gracious Lord, in this blessed season of Advent, we entreat You to fill our hearts with Your Holy Spirit, to shine upon us with Your radiant light, to pour out Your joy into our lives, and to establish Your peace within us. Make us able to live Your Kingdom here and now, and be able to love truthfully and thus know You more. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Daily Cycle of Prayer:

- St. George's Cathedral - Jerusalem
  - Pastor to the Arabic-speaking Congregation / Rev'd Canon Wadie Far
  - Pastor to the English-speaking Congregation / Rev'd Canon Donald & Mrs. Christine Binder
- Christ Church—Jerusalem / Rev'd David & Mrs. Carol Pileggi

# Advent Season 2025

4th Day

Wednesday 3/12/2025



Verse of the Day

**We love because he first loved us.**  
(1 John 4:19)

Prayer by Rev'd Hanna Dally:

O God of Love, pour into our hearts love for You through our love for our fellow man, emulating Your perfect love through Christ, our Savior.

Fill our hearts with love for You, for You first loved us. You commanded us to love because the fullness of love is found in You. Increase this love in us so that we may shine Your light before all people.

Make our lives, O Lord, a branch firmly fixed in the true Vine, which is Christ Jesus, so that we may be fruitful in our works, fulfilling Your will in our lives and bearing the fruit of love, whose source You are. To You be the glory and honor, now and forever. Amen

Daily Cycle of Prayer

- Christ Church–Nazareth / Rev'd Canon Nael & Mrs. Mira Abu Rahmoun
- Church of the Holy Family–Raineh / Rev'd Hanna & Anita Dally

# Advent Season 2025

5th Day

Thursday 4/12/2025



Verse of the Day:

**And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.**  
(1 Cor 13:13)

Prayer by Rev'd Canon Samir Esaid:

O Lord, make us to love everyone and be in your image an example of love, so that we can live a life of sincere love and reflect our faith and hope in you through that love.

We pray to you, O Lord, to make the love in our hearts overcome all hatred and grudges. O you who taught us to love the stranger and the friend and to cultivate love everywhere, firm our faith and hope so that we love others as we love ourselves, so that the world will know that we are your sons and daughters because of our love for one another. Amen.

Daily Cycle of Prayer

- Church of the Redeemer, Amman
  - Pastor to the Arabic-speaking Congregation / Archdeacon Faeq & Mrs. Duaa Haddad
  - Pastor to the English-speaking Congregation / Rev'd Gavin & Mrs. Megan Rosser
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church—Marka / Rev'd Canon Hanna & Firyal Mansour



## Advent Season 2025

6th Day

Friday 5/12/2025



Verse of the Day

**In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**  
(1 John 4:10)

Prayer by Rev'd Dr. Fadi Diab:

Almighty God, Fountain of all love, you who loved us first and sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the world. We stand before you in this holy season of Advent, bearing the wounds of this Holy Land, where your children still cry out for justice, safety, and peace. Let the light of your coming, O Lord, pierce the darkness of these troubled days. Root your love deep within our hearts, and renew in us the faith that your peace abides among us and that your justice shall prevail, even when oppression seems unending. Teach us to trust in your steadfast love, and guide our ministry that it may shine with your compassion to all who surround us. Amen.

Daily Cycle of Prayer:

- Christ School–Nazareth / Mr. Wisam Talhami and Mrs. Areej Nijm Bishara
- St. John School–Haifa / Mrs. Grace Salameh

## Advent Season 2025

7th Day

Saturday 6/12/2025



Verse of the Day:

**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.**  
(1 Cor 13:4)

Prayer by Rev'd Deacon Salim Kasabreh:

O Lord, Jesus, with thankful hearts, we lift to you our gratitude, praise, and honor for the greatness of your love toward us—that love which you have granted us through your Word made flesh, dwelling in our hearts, our minds, and our spirits. Teach us to live out this love, overflowing with grace, humility, patience, and compassion.

We ask you to protect us from the pitfalls of envy, boasting, and arrogance. Fill us with your divine love, that we may reflect your image in the midst of this darkened world, through a spirit of joy, humility, and gentleness. May your love be the path we walk, the strength for our ministry, the foundation of our unity, and our hope in times of darkness.

Grant us, O Lord, a renewed spirit, that we may bear with one another in tenderness and forgiveness, and in unity and steadfastness. Make us witnesses of your love in our homes, our churches, and our communities, that we may be living stones, building up your kingdom wherever we are, for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer:

- St. Luke's Hospital–Nablus / Rev'd Jamil Maher Khader
- The Ahli Arab Hospital–Gaza / Ms. Suhaila Tarazi, Ms. Samira Farah, Dr. Maher Ayyad
- The Penman Clinic–Zababdeh / Mr. Isam Khader
- Medical Center–Ramallah

## Advent Season 2025

8th Day

The Second Sunday of Advent 7/12/2025



Verse of the Day:

**So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

(1 John 4:16)

Prayer by Archdeacon Fuad Dagher:

Almighty God, the perfect love, we thank you for revealing yourself to us as a loving Father who draws near to our weaknesses and embraces the wounds of our hearts. Teach us to trust in your love as the apostle John taught, and to rest in the shelter of your grace with a steadfast peace that cannot be shaken. Grant us eyes to see the traces of Your love in the details of our lives, and hearts that praise You for every mercy that dawns upon us with the rising of each new day.

O God of love who abides in us when we abide in you, we ask you to make your love the driving force behind our actions, the light that guides our path, and the language of our hearts toward others. Let your presence within us be a strength that casts our fears, heals our weakness, and transforms us into witnesses of your presence wherever we are placed. Establish us in your love, O Lord, that we may also become instruments of your peace, living as you have loved us, to the glory of your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer:

- St. Andrew's Church–Ramallah / Rev'd Fadi & Mrs. Ruba Diab
- St. Peter's Church–Bir Zeit / Rev'd Fadi & Mrs. Ruba Diab

## Advent Season 2025

9th Day

Monday 8/12/2025



Verse of the Day:

**Let all that you do be done in love. (1 Cor 16:14)**

Prayer Rev'd Canon Don Binder:

Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, who sent your Son in great humility to be the light of the world: Grant us grace, we beseech you, so to follow your holy Word, that all our works and undertakings may be done in love; that, as we watch and wait for the coming of the Christ Child, our hearts may be swept clean of all bitterness, envy, and hatred, and prepared as a worthy dwelling place for the King of Love and the Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer:

- St. Paul's Church—Shefa'amr / Archdeacon Fuad & Mrs. Hana Dagher
- Church of the Savior—Kufr Yasif / Rev'd Bilal & Mrs. Lina Habiby
- Church of Christ the King—Tarshiha / Rev'd Hatim & Mrs. Renate Jiryis

## Advent Season 2025

10th Day

Tuesday 9/12/2025



Verse of the Day

Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.  
 . (Romas 13:10)

Prayer by Rev'd Khalid Freij:

We pray, O Lord, in this blessed Advent season, that You may fill our hearts with Your love. Grant us to await Your coming with hearts kindled by hope, seeking goodness wherever we are. Make our hearts ready to sow goodness and hope in every place. May our hope in You be a power that transforms our hearts, so that we may see in every neighbor Your image. Let Your love within us be a strength that lifts the weak, heals the wounded, and opens paths of reconciliation and peace for us.

By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us, O Lord, to be faithful witnesses to Your active love in the world: speaking words that encourage, offering service that builds up, and spreading comfort that revives broken hearts. Purify our intentions from all selfishness and renew within us the image of Your perfect love, so that we may prepare for Your glorious coming with hearts that shine with light and overflow with love that testifies to You and applies Your commandments. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer:

- Church of the Savior–Zarka / Rev'd Khalid & Rana Freij
- Christ Chapel at Theodore Schneller–Al-Rsifa / Rev'd Khalid & Rana Freij
- St. Peter & St. Paul's Mission to Seafarers–Aqaba

## Advent Season 2025

11th Day

Wednesday 10/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

(1 Cor 13:2)

### Prayer by Rev'd Saleem Dawani:

O Lord, grant us the grace to recognize that every talent, knowledge, or power pales before the majesty of Love. Help us so that Your love in our hearts may be the sole measure of everything we do or say, and that You alone may be the source and strength of that love within us.

O God of Love, we pray for our priests and leaders, that all their guidance and leadership may be equipped with a paternal love that surpasses all knowledge or ability. We pray for our congregations, that unity may flourish among them, and that practical love may be their testimony to the world. We pray for our church institutions, that they may be managed with mercy and place the service of love to the needy at the forefront of every administrative or financial goal. Grant us all, O Lord, to value love above all things, for it is the only power that never fails. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer:

- St. George's School–Jerusalem / Mr. Richard Zananiri
- St George's College–Jerusalem / Dean Richard & JulieAnn Sewell

## Advent Season 2025

12th Day

Thursday 11/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

**Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.**

(1 John 3:18)

### Prayer by Rev'd Canon George Al-Kopti:

Dear Lord, as we celebrate your first coming at Christmas, and as we await your second coming, Lord Jesus Christ, teach us through your Holy Spirit to live your commandment to love one another. Help us not to love with fancy words or sweet talk, but with real actions and sacrificial service. Help us to see you, Lord Jesus, in the faces of the poor and needy, the displaced and marginalized, the weak and the sick, those with special needs, the afflicted, the captives, and the unjustly imprisoned, the refugees and the persecuted.

Give us strength to be living witnesses of your love in the world, especially to those who do not know you, so they may experience your salvation, enjoy your redemption, and share our joy in the faith. To you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer

- Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children–Jerusalem / Mrs. Violette Mubarak
- St. Luke's Centre for the Mentally Handicapped–Beirut / Mrs. Micheline Gebrayel

## Advent Season 2025

13<sup>th</sup> Day

Friday 12/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

**with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.**

(Ephesians 4:2)

Prayer by Rev'd Jamil Maher Khader:

Lord Jesus Christ,

You who call us to humility, meekness, patience, and loving endurance, come and shape our hearts according to Your Spirit. Unite us as one body, gathered from different backgrounds, yet bound together by one faith, one hope, and one baptism. Grant us the grace to carry one another in love, to choose peace over pride, tenderness over harshness, and compassion over anger. Let Your Holy Spirit work within us so that our lives may reflect Your presence and bring light to those around us.

And now, we lift our hearts before You, O Almighty, worthy of all thanksgiving. Strengthen our unity, deepen our love, and make us instruments of Your peace in Your holy Church. May our thoughts, our words, and our actions give glory to Your name, and may we remain faithful to the calling with which You have called us. To You, O Almighty, be all thanksgiving, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer

- St. Philip's Church–Nablus / Rev'd Jamil & Mrs. Loma Khader
- Church of the Good Shepherd–Rafidia / Rev'd Jamil & Mrs. Loma Khader
- St. Matthew's Church–Zababdeh / Rev'd Saleem & Mrs. Adma Dawani,  
Rev'd Deacon Saleem Kasabreh



## Advent Season 2025

14<sup>th</sup> Day

Saturday 13/12/2025



Verse of the Day

**Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**

(Colossians 3:14)

Prayer by Rev'd Hatim Jiries:

O Lord, clothe us with Your love, which is the bond of perfection, and fill our hearts with the agape love that covers a multitude of sins. O Holy Spirit, pour Your grace into us, that we may reflect Your light and peace to all whom we encounter, and make our lives a mirror of the sweet fragrance of Christ. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- Church of St. Mary–Irbid / Rev'd Canon Samir & Sabah Esaid
- Church of St. John the Baptist–Al-Husun / Rev'd Ibrahim & Vera Nairoz

## Advent Season 2025

15th Day

The Third Sunday of Advent 14/12/2025



Verse of the Day

**And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we  
abound in love for you.**

(1 Thessalonians 3:12)

Prayer by Archdeacon Imad Zoorob:

O beloved Lord, You who shower us with Your grace and captivate our hearts with Your boundless love, we ask You to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and increase our mutual love with our brothers and sisters, so that You may purify our intentions and cleanse our hearts, and that our words and deeds may be a living witness to Your love. For You, our God, have made us a reflection of Your merciful, fatherly care, always striving for the good of others as well as for our own, and You have made us peacemakers wherever we go.

Inspire us, by the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, to love everyone as You have loved us, without distinction or limit. And let Your love within us be a light and a guide for all who are burdened, hungry, and thirsty for Your righteousness, making our love a balm for the wounds of the brokenhearted, so that we may be an image and a mirror of the radiance of Your face. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- The Arab Episcopal School–Ramallah / Mr. Iyad Rafidi
- The Technological & Vocational Training Center / Mr. Giovani Anbar
- The Christian National Kindergarten–Nablus / Mrs. Rula Khalil

## Advent Season 2025

16<sup>th</sup> Day

Monday 15/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

**This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

(John 15:12)

### Prayer by Very Rev'd Canon Richard Sewell:

Loving God, in the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, you show us the depth of your love for all creation. You show us that our love for the world needs to be committed and sacrificial too. Your love reaches out and extends to all creatures, all people and all places. Help us to live out love with no boundaries or limits.

God of peace, in Jesus Christ, you have reconciled the world to yourself through the cross. Strengthen us, dear Lord, to love one another with that same spirit of reconciliation, which seeks to break divisions. In knowing the love of Christ in our own hearts, give us the same limitless love which can drive out hatred and grievance so that we may serve your peaceable kingdom with enduring commitment. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer

- St. George's Guest House—Jerusalem / Mr. Mark Aboudi
- Schneller Guest House—Al-Rsefa / Rev'd Khalid Freij
- St. Margret's Guest House—Nazareth
- HLID Guest House—Salt / Rev'd Jamil Monir Khader
- Evangelical Home—Ramallah / Rev'd Fadi Diab

## Advent Season 2025

17<sup>th</sup> Day

Tuesday 16/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

**No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

(John 15:13)

Prayer by Rev'd Canon Hatim Shehadah:

O God, make us instruments for the service of others, always remembering that the greatest love is self-sacrifice. Open our eyes to see the needs of those around us, and make our hearts ready to offer help and sacrifice for their sake, so that we may demonstrate the boundless love of Christ. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer

- Ahliyya & Bishop's School–Amman / Dr. Alice Abboud
- Savior Arab Evangelical School–Zarka / Mrs. Duaa Bisharat
- Theodor Schneller School–Al-Rsifa / Rev'd Khalid Freij
- The Arab Episcopal School–Irbid / Mrs. Sabah Esaid

## Advent Season 2025

18<sup>th</sup> Day

Wednesday 17/12/2025



Verse of the Day

**By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness.**

(Galatians 5:22)

Prayer by Rev'd Ibrahim Nairoz:

Heavenly Father, you taught me that no believing heart exists without love dwelling within it, joy overflowing from it, peace striving within it, patience walking within it, seeing goodness in all through it, and expressing faith through it.

Such is the heart of the believer, who, by Your grace and guidance, receives all this. I pray to You with a heart wholly submitted to Your will, asking that You grant me this, in honor of the Redeemer Jesus, who always guides my steps in life to Your glory. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- Church of St. John the Evangelist & St. Luke's—Haifa / Rev'd Canon Hatem & Mrs. Elizabeth Shehadeh
- Church of the Saviour —Akka / Rev'd Imad & Mrs. Dima Daibes
- Emmanuel Church—Ramla / Rev'd Fares & Mrs. Pascal Naoum
- St. Peter's Church—Jaffa / Rev'd Fares & Mrs. Pascal Naoum

## Advent Season 2025

19<sup>th</sup> Day

Thursday 18/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

**Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.**

(1 Peter 4:8)

Prayer by Mr. Alex Amaziah:

Lord, we thank you, for you have taught us love, and you are its source. We continually learn from you about the fellowship of believers, so that love may increase among us, and so that we may hold fast to your word which tells us that love covers a multitude of sins. Yes, Lord, we thank you for your patience with us, and for the love with which you always surround us and enable us to forgive one another. Great are you, O God, in your love. Blessed be your Name forever. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer

- Church of the Good Shepherd–Salt / Rev'd Jamil & Mrs. Sandy Khader
- St. Luke's Church–Salt / Rev'd Jamil & Mrs. Sandy Khader
- Fuheis Mission / Rev'd Ibrahim & Mrs. Vera Nairoz

## Advent Season 2025

20<sup>th</sup> Day

Friday 19/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

**But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.**

(Romans 5:8)

Prayer by Rev'd Imad Daibes:

O Great God of heavens, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for Your infinite love. While we were still sinners and far from You, You showed the greatness of your mercy by Christ dying for us. Help us, Lord, to be grateful for this magnificent grace, and to love others with the same love you poured upon us. We accept this gift of salvation and glorify your holy name. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer

- All Saint's Church–Beirut Arab & English-speaking congregations / Archdeacon Imad & Mrs. Hind Zoorob
- All Saint's Church–Damascus / Archdeacon Imad & Mrs. Hind Zoorob
  - Sudanese & Arab Community / Mr. Alex Amaziah
  - English-speaking Community

## Advent Season 2025

21<sup>st</sup> Day

Saturday 20/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

(Luke 2:10)

Prayer by Rev'd Jamil Monir Khader:

Lord of love and mercy, in this holy season of Advent, we lift our longing hearts to You. As the angel proclaimed to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid, for I bring you good tidings of great joy." May this great joy dwell deep within us—transforming fear into trust, and anxiety into peace. Let our waiting for You be a living anticipation that ignites hope within us and makes us bearers of Your light in a world thirsting for comfort and renewal.

Jesus, Word made flesh and Light of the world, grant us to live this season in a spirit of reflection and sincere prayer. Open our eyes to see Your presence in the weak and the suffering, and open our hands to serve with genuine love flowing from Your heart. May our homes become havens of peace, our hearts altars of hope, and our lives a testimony to Your enduring love. Grant us the grace to welcome You each day as though You were being born anew within us. Amen

### Cycle of Prayer

- Holy Land Institute for the Deaf-Salt / Rev'd Jamil Monir Khader
- Al-Kreimeh Rehabilitation Center-Kreimeh / Mr. Nathir Tadros
- Jofeh Rehabilitation Center-Jofeh / Rev'd Jamil Monir Khader
- The Ahliyya & Bishop's Kindergarten-Al-Husun / Mrs. Faten Azzar



## Advent Season 2025

22<sup>nd</sup> Day

The Fourth Sunday of Advent 21/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, [a] the Lord.  
(Luke 2:11)

Prayer by Rev'd Bilal Habiby:

Lord Jesus, Savior of the world, we know there is peace and power in Your presence. In this season of Advent, we draw near to You and declare that there is hope and freedom in Your name. Yes, in Your name, Jesus, there is healing, strength, and life. We proclaim that Your name is above all fear, anxiety, and depression. Lord, we ask You to unite families, lift up the weary, bring back those who have gone astray and been deceived. Lead sinners to repentance, and forgive all who turn back to You. Save our souls, our merciful God. Amen

### Cycle of Prayer

- St. Paul's Church–Ashrafiyya / Rev'd Canon George & Mrs. Mary Al-Kopti
- The Home for the Elderly–Ashrafiyya / Mrs. Muna Oweis

## Advent Season 2024

23<sup>rd</sup> Day

Monday 22/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

**For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

(Isaiah 9:6)

Prayer by Rev'd Canon Wadie Far:

Almighty God, source of every grace and blessing, you caused your blessed Son to take on our flesh to bring us salvation and to grant peace to the world. Pour your boundless love into our hearts, and grant that we may love one another and strive for a just peace in our land and in all nations. Teach us to follow the way of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ: to love without condition, to defend the weak, and to stand with the oppressed.

Heavenly Father, as we approach the blessed feast of Christmas, grant that we may welcome the Child of the manger anew into our hearts, and live as faithful followers of the Prince of Peace. Prepare us to meet him when he comes again in glory at the last day, that through him we may rise to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer

- Ordinands in Training
  - Saba Kerry
  - Khaled Dally
- Retired Bishops, Clergy and their families

## Advent Season 2025

24<sup>th</sup> Day

Tuesday 23/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

**'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel'**  
(Matthew 1:23)

Prayer Rev'd Fares Naoum:

Heavenly Father, O Emmanuel, when we hear this divine proclamation, hope is rekindled within us, for You did not remain distant, but drew near to touch our weakness and our pain. Let Your presence dwell deep within us, steadying our steps amid life's fog, reminding us that Your love is stronger than fear and every hardship.

Come, Lord, and dwell in our hearts. Illuminate what is dark within us and fill us with Your grace and peace. Grant us, in this season of Advent and Christmas, a heart that knows how to wait with trust, and whispers, "The Lord is near." Renew Your birth within us, awaken our hope, heal our wounds, and plant in us a heavenly calm that teaches us we are not alone. Help us live each day assured of this blessed truth: You, O Emmanuel, God with us, now and forever. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer

- Companion Dioceses
- The Province of Jerusalem & The Middle East
- The Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria

## Advent Season 2025

25<sup>th</sup> Day

Wednesday 24/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

**But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.**

(Galatians 4:4-5)

Prayer by Rev'd Canon Hanna Mansour:

O Lord Almighty, You who sent Your Only-Begotten Son to deliver us from the yoke of the Law and to make us Your children by adoption: Eradicate from us, O Lord, the spirit of selfishness and self-love, and establish in our hearts the vision of ourselves as truly Your children—brothers and sisters to one another in sincere love. In this blessed season, remind us of the greatness of Your mercy, that we are equal before You in dignity and worth; that we may be counted worthy to be called Your children by adoption; through our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer

- Our international partners in mission

## Advent Season 2025

26<sup>th</sup> Day – Christmas Day  
Wednesday 25/12/2025



### Verse of the Day

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’  
(John 13:35)

### Prayer by Archbishop Hosam Naoum:

Lord Jesus Christ, who in the fullness of time became incarnate as the Light of the world, who came as a small child carrying in your weakness the power of heaven, entering our troubled world to teach us one language—the language of love that never fails:

In this holy season, we stand before your humble manger to learn anew the lesson of your birth: that the way to you passes through the path of eternal love, and that the true mark of discipleship is not speech nor knowledge, but the love that becomes mercy, forgiveness, and generosity.

Lord, teach us to love as you have loved; to see in every person your divine image; and to break down the walls of division and strife, that we may make your peace present in our homes, our parishes, and our community.

O Child of the Manger, make us faithful disciples in the school of your Nativity—carrying the warmth of your heart to the cold, comforting the sorrowful, strengthening the weak, and opening the doors of hope to all who seek your light. Let your Nativity be a new birth of love within us, that we may live your commandment by which the world will know we belong to you: that we have love for one another. Amen.

### Cycle of Prayer

- Women’s Ministries in the Diocese / Mrs. Rafa Naoum
- Youth Ministries in the Diocese



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