

St. Nicholas Church Prayers December 2023

He comes to you today as he came yesterday.

He will come tomorrow, as he came today.

He comes always.

Welcome him. Say, "Come Lord Jesus." (David Adam)

On World Aids Day we pray especially for all who are infected or affected by HIV and AIDS, for children and young people, for adults and old people, for those who seek to provide spiritual care or health care, for those who allocate resources, for those who can shape policy, for our Church of Scotland. Loving God, our loving parent, let love abound in our praying and in our actions. Let Your kingdom come, let your will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Lord, let us pray for the many wounded places in this world. Naming before you Israel and Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, the Middle East and all places affected by violence. We pray for peace where there is war, and for hope to be restored where there has been despair. Loosen bonds of oppression, injustice and fear and inspire all who bear burdens of leadership to love mercy and use their power for good.

Lord, you know what it is to be homeless, hungry, abandoned, rejected, and so we pray for all who have no roof over their head or no place to call their own—waiting on council housing lists or evicted because they cannot pay the rent. We pray for those who live in poor and cramped conditions, in shanty towns or refugee camps, hotels and bed-and-breakfast accommodation, run down slums; and for those who sleep rough on the streets.

Pray for Alfie, the pastor of a small church outside Kelo, in southern Chad. He has a vision to see his community transformed, and in just a few years he has witnessed real change. His next goal is to build a community health facility. Pray that Alfie and his church might realise this vision and that in the midst of this transformation the church there would thrive. (Tearfund)

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Reach out, Lord, into our beautiful but broken world, and cause your light to shine. Where hatred brings war, disaster causes devastation, injustice leads to poverty, intolerance breeds violence, disease creates despair and life entails suffering be there in the darkness, restoring joy, faith, hope and love. Amen

