The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham

Go make disciples



A PRAYER FOR EACH DAY OF DECEMBER

Come, Lord Jesus

Each day, pray for that day's intention, then say our Advent prayer.

ENCOUNTER Experiencing God's love

1. For you, as Advent begins: that you know God loves you personally.
2. For our homes and parishes, that prayer underpins everything we do.
3. For those who have drifted from the Church, that they find the door open.
4. For everyone coming to Mass this Christmas for the first time in years, that they meet Christ's love.
5. For a renewed love of Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.
6. For all carrying a burden, that they experience God's merciful love in Confession.
7. For our young people, that they meet Jesus and grow in faith.
8. Mary Immaculate, patron of our Diocese: help us say yes to all the Lord wants to do among us.

DISCIPLESHIP Supporting ongoing conversion

9. For Bishop Patrick, as he leads us to go and make disciples.
10. For our priests, religious and deacons, that they know they are loved by God and never serve alone.
11. For our retired priests, deacons and religious, and all who, like you, pray for our Diocese from home.
12. For parishes being joined together, that they grow as one family with all they need to thrive.
13. For parents and grandparents, as they hand on the faith at home.
14. For our Catholic schools, that every child comes to know Jesus' love for them.
15. For all preparing for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
16. For lay people working alongside our priests to lead our parishes in mission.
17. For young men and women answering God's call generously, as priests, deacons and religious.

MISSION Nurturing witness of life

18. For each of us, the desire and the confidence to speak of Jesus to others.
19. For everyone spending Christmas alone, and the neighbours who will knock on their door.
20. For the poor and hungry, in whose faces we meet Christ, and all who serve them.
21. For all seeking refuge and a welcome among us, as the Holy Family once did.
22. For our Digital Missionaries, sharing online the difference knowing Jesus makes.
23. For those who bring Holy Communion and company to the sick and housebound.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND CHRISTMAS

24. **Christmas Eve.** For our whole Diocese, open to the Holy Spirit and ready to welcome Christ.
25. **Christmas Day.** Thank you, Lord, for coming among us. Send us out to make disciples.

OUR ADVENT PRAYER · EVERY DAY

Lord Jesus,
you came to us as a little child,
born in a stable and laid in a manger.
Come to me now, here in my home.

Let me know again how much you love me.
When I am tired, be my strength.
When I am alone, be my company.
When I am waiting, be my hope.

This Advent I offer you my prayers
for our Diocese of Nottingham,
for Bishop Patrick, our priests, deacons and religious,
our parishes and our people,
and for everyone who does not yet know you.

Send your Holy Spirit on us all.
Nourish us with yourself in Holy Communion.
Make us your disciples,
glad to share the joy of your coming.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, pray for us.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Amen.

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