

**Hinckley United Reformed Church.**  
**Prayers for week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Monday 11th December.

"O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie"

As Christine outlined in last weeks prayers, Bethlehem's lights will not be switched on this year in memory of all those who have died in the current Israel- Hamas conflict.

Pray earnestly for peace in all of the many war torn areas of our world asking God to raise up men and women of goodwill who will seek to work for a just and lasting peace.

Tuesday 12th December

Give thanks for all the opportunities we have to spend time with our friends and family and especially today for all those who will meet at the Tuesday lunch at our church. May we give thanks for these times of fellowship together as we support each other through the challenges of life.

Wednesday 13th December

"Love came down at Christmas"

Thank God that in his love for us he sent Jesus into the world so that through him we might have a relationship with our creator. This is too much for mankind to comprehend that

"God's own son should come from heaven and die to save a child like me"

Thursday 14th December

As we read again the familiar words of the gospel that for Mary and Joseph:

"In Bethlehem's home was there found no room"

Pray for all the people both young and old who this Christmas will have no room, no place to call their own, living out of a suitcase or on a friends floor.

Friday 15th December

Remember today all the children you have you have contact with.

Your own children even if they are grown up, your grandchildren, your neighbours children and the children within our church and the Uniformed organisations.

Pray for all who have responsibility to care for the well being of children, in the home, in the schools, and in the church. Grant that they may have the love and care and that they may come to know the love of Jesus for themselves.

Saturday 16h December

"Joy to the world, the Lord has come"

Amidst all the depressing news that everyday dominates our news channels, may we rejoice and be glad that Jesus brings joy to an impoverished world. Pray that the gospel of good news will shine bright this Christmas time from our churches and from ourselves.

Sunday 17 December

"O come all you faithful, Joyful and triumphant

O come, o come now to Bethlehem"

As we gather for our Christmas carol service pray that we may worship and praise with our whole being, God our Father, Son and Holy Spirit and let us renew ourselves in his service for the coming days.