

"Thou Son of the Most High, Prince of Peace, be born again into our world. Wherever there is war in this world, wherever there is pain, wherever there is loneliness, wherever there is no hope...Come, Thou long-expected one, with healing in Thy wings.

"Holy Child, whom the shepherds and the kings and the beasts adored, be born again. Wherever there is boredom, wherever there is fear of failure, wherever there is temptation too strong to resist, wherever there is bitterness of heart... Come, Thou blessed one, with healing in Thy wings.

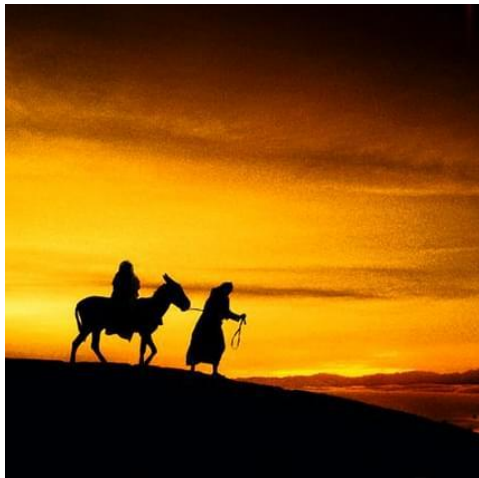
"Saviour, be born in each of us who raises his face to Thy face...knowing only that Thy love is beyond his knowing and that no other has the power to make him whole. Come, Lord Jesus, to each who longs for Thee

even though he has forgotten Thy name. Come quickly."

~Frederick Buechner~

Kindle in us the fire of Your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Amen.



We would love to hear from you with favourite prayers and reflections that are important to you. Please send them to dawn@walmsleyparish.org

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Prayers for w/c 13 December

Christ Church & St Andrew's Church
Walmsley Bromley Cross

Almighty God, give us the gift of PEACE - an inner peace which strengthens our heart; a community peace which enables all to flourish; and peace in our world so all may live in freedom and justice.

You offer rest for our hearts and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community and peace in the world.

Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen

(Taken from Advent Prayers & Wreath Devotions by Peter Reiss)

A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.



The Intercessions in last Sunday's online Team Service were given by Geoff & Angie:

**We pray with hope for our world at this time.
Thy Kingdom come, O Lord;
Your light shine where there is darkness.
We pray for joy in homes this Christmas;
We thank God for the gifts being collected in our parishes, donated for Fortalice, Urban Outreach and for refugee families. May they give joy and bring hope,**

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

***Today is a gift – a day that God has given us.
We pray that we may live this day in hope and in love.
We pray we may share God's love with others,
and make a difference for good.***

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

***Today is the Lord's Day – and we await the coming of our Lord with hope. Help us Lord to live for you.
We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders, that the rule of justice may prevail, for peace where there is war and for a fair sharing of the resources of your world.***

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Today Lord, strengthen us in the hope you have given us; remind us of your presence with us, even in uncertainty;
when we are distracted by all that is around us,
draw us back to your light, and keep us in your path.**

Merciful Father:

accept these prayers,

for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour,

Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession given by Pamela Marden at the mid-week Communion Service at Christ Church Walmsley:

God of HOPE – thank You that this is the day that You have made for us. Release Your grace, mercy and peace over us all. Come, Holy Spirit and fill our hearts ~ set us apart. Come, Holy Spirit, to You we pray ~ show us Your way.

OUR GREATEST HOPE COMES FROM TRUSTING GOD.

God of HOPE – thank You for this sacred season of Advent. To seek more of You, to draw closer to You and humbly ask that You draw closer to us ...to reveal more of Yourself to us. In this time of giving and receiving gifts, we thank You for the most precious gift of all: the gift of Yourself.

'God of Hope', thank you that, when we truly trust and have faith in You, we have hope. Hope that comes only from You. Hope for today and for our future. Thank You that, through the gift of Your Holy Spirit, You have given us a spirit of faith, not of fear. You know what we need, you encourage us with your words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

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God of HOPE – thank you for your message: (John 8:12) "I am the Light of the World, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Inspire in us, in these difficult times, to be bold; confident to shine, to be Your light in the world around us. Amen.

[#MorningPrayer @billbraviner](#) Giving thanks for one another, in all our diversity and difference. Amen to that

You call us, Lord, in all our diversity and difference, to be your Church, your Body in the world. May we always look for reasons to be thankful for one another, before we look for fault; always think more of what binds us together than what divides. May we be one.