

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the season of Advent, a time of watchful waiting and joyful expectation, we invite you to join us in a dedicated week of prayer for our city, region, and the mission of the Church. This year, our *Advent Prayer Week* will run from **8pm Monday 24 November to 8pm Monday 1 December**, culminating in the celebration of the first Sunday of Advent.

If you would like to pray for an hour, or more, you can sign up via the 24/7 Prayer sign-up link here: <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/096ac0>

To guide our prayers, we have prepared a week-long schedule with daily themes rooted in Scripture, reflecting our five diocesan prayer priorities. We encourage you to use these as prompts for personal prayer or as a focus for gatherings in your churches.

Advent Prayer Week: Monday 24 November – Monday 1 December 2025

Day	Theme	Scripture	Prayer Focus for Birmingham & Region
Mon 24 Nov	Advent Hope: Prepare the Way	Isaiah 40:3–5	Pray for hearts to be ready for Christ's coming; that our city and region would be open to God's transforming work.
Tue 25 Nov	God's Mercy on Our City	Psalms 103:8–12	Pray for healing and renewal across communities, that God's grace would cover every neighbourhood, school, and workplace.
Wed 26 Nov	Love for the City	Matthew 5:14–16	Pray that we, as Christ's followers, would shine His light, showing love, compassion, and practical care for all people in Birmingham.
Thu 27 Nov	Breaking the Power of Evil	Ephesians 6:10–18	Pray against injustice, oppression, and darkness; ask that God's kingdom would advance and strongholds be overcome in His name.

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Fri 28 Nov	Raising Workers for the Harvest	Luke 10:2	Pray for God to call, equip, and send out workers, lay and ordained, young and old, to serve His mission boldly across the Diocese and region.
Sat 29 Nov	Bringing Many to Faith in Jesus	Acts 16:31	Pray for a fresh move of the Holy Spirit, that many would come to know Christ, join His Church, and experience His life-transforming love.
Sun 30 Nov	Advent Joy: Christ Comes!	Isaiah 9:6-7	Pray in gratitude for the coming of the Messiah; for joy, hope, and a renewed vision for the Church's mission in our city and region.
Mon 1 Dec	Advent Light: Shine in the Darkness	John 1:4-5	Conclude the week by interceding that Christ's light would break through every shadow, bringing salvation and reconciliation across Birmingham and beyond.

Advent reminds us that God's promises are sure and that Christ comes to bring light into the darkness of our world. In the same spirit we intercede for Birmingham and the surrounding region, seeking His mercy, justice, and transformative love in every community.

As we pray, whether individually or in small groups, may we be reminded that Advent is not only a season of waiting but also of active hope and expectation. As we pray, we hold before God the needs of our Diocese, our city, and our region, confident that His kingdom will come.

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If you would like to join the Bishops' Prayer Network check out our website for more details [Bishops' Prayer Network - Church of England Birmingham](#)

Thank you for your faithfulness and for standing in the gap with us. We rejoice in all that God will do as we pray together during this holy season.

With our prayers and gratitude,

+ Michael Birmingham

**The Rt Revd Dr Michael Volland
Bishop of Birmingham**

+ Esther Aston

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