

PRAYER SHEET

WEEK OF – DECEMBER 07 – DECEMBER 13

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

FOCUSED PRAYERS DURING THE WEEK:

- MONDAYS** – Missions and Missionaries
- TUESDAYS** – Turning to Christ (evangelism)
- WEDNESDAYS** – Workers and Students

SUNDAYS – The Church and the World

THURSDAYS – The Nations / Turmoil

FRIDAYS – Families and Friends

SATURDAYS – Sabbath Rest & Renewal

ADVENT: PREPARING FOR CHRIST'S SECOND COMING - Second Sunday of Advent (Year A):

- **Isaiah 11:1–10** — The shoot from Jesse, the Spirit upon him, the justice and peace of his reign.
- **Romans 15:4–13** — Encouragement in hope, unity, and endurance; "Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you."
- **Matthew 3:1–12** — John's preaching of repentance, warning of unfruitful lives, the coming one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Focus: "Preparing the Way of the Lord" — This week emphasizes John the Baptist's call to repentance, and the prophetic hope of a just ruler from Jesse's line. The tension is between our brokenness and God's promised restoration. We anticipate a King who brings righteousness, peace, and justice.

Take time Today – and every day – to prepare your heart for the true reason for the season: JESUS! Learn more at <https://wsbctopeka.org/christmas/>



Intercessory Prayers: Join your Church Family in unceasing prayers, petitions, praise, and intercession for Christ Church, our families and friends, and the World:

Christ's Global Church – The Church's mission, persons preparing for baptism, clergy and religious leaders, sister churches and regions, ecumenical work and unity, religious freedom, the oppressed and persecuted, persons called to vocations, worldwide evangelism, and the spreading of the Gospel bolding in every nation and people group:

- **Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen**, ABCCR Executive Minister, Sabbatical (Sept.-Dec.)
- **Rev. Dr. Jennifer Schneider**, ABCCR Associate Executive Minister
- **Church Leaders** – **Fran Seymour-Hunter**, Church Clerk
- **Deacons** and those called to serve their neighbors in specialized ministries
- **New Clergy:** Aaron Poe – Preparation for Army Chaplain Service (ROTC at KU)
- **Absent and Missing Church Members**
- **Discipleship and Spiritual Growth:** personal godliness and wisdom in the Word of God
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle¹**
 - ▶ **07 - 13 December 2025: Myanmar (Burma) and Thailand**
 - ▶ **14 - 20 December 2025: Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam**
 - ▶ **21 - 27 December 2025: Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and Mainland of China**
 - ▶ **28 December 2025 – 03 January 2026: Japan, North Korea, and South Korea**
- **EMERGE (High School) Youth Group and Youth Leaders** – Jennifer and Tera
- **Ministers and Servants of the Church:** God to call and sustain church vocations.
- **Missionaries and Global Servants:** Independent Servants in God's global work
- **Persecuted Christians**
- **PULSE Young Adults (Pulse: age 19-29)**
- **Visitors and Guests:** Hospitality for Seekers; Spiritual and Numerical Growth
- **Women's Ministry** and Rev. Traci Brown
- **World-Wide Evangelism**

Brothers and Sisters in need of Healing, Health, and Wholeness:

- Larry Arndt and Family
- Patti Bryan, Pat Carpenter's friend
- Nancy Cottril and family
- Laurie and Bill Dewey
- Thomas and Sharon Donnelly
- Janice Hedberg – health concerns
- Jack and Nelda Janway
- Karen Kirby
- Elizabeth Lauderdale
- Gabriel Lindberg (Nancy's great nephew)
- Debbie Livingston & Family
- Clarence Payne

¹†Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, "In God's Hands: Common Prayer for the World," from the [World Council of Churches](https://www.wccn.org/).

- Rex Penry and his children (Rusty, Amy, Allen, Amanda, Tayzlee)
- Betty Schuh – (Bev. McCurdy's friend)
- Becky and Terry Poe
- Laurie Smith – health concerns
- Carla Sentra – Hospice (Nancy C. friend)
- Norma Springer (Marianne Spano's SiL)
- Lisa Thomas

HOMEBOUND & CARE CENTERS

Russell Hunter
Elizabeth Lauderdale
Doug and Jan Mauck

Renea and Steve May
Molly Morris
Terry Poe

Jan Pukach
John Swain
Kathy Williams

Our National Life: As followers of Jesus, we are charged with interceding for our leaders, our neighbors, and our country. The Bible instructs believers to offer "petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way" (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom 13:1-7):

- **The United States of America:** The President and Civil Authority, and Courts
- **US Congress:** Opening of Government and
- **State of Kansas, Governor, and Legislature**
- **County Commissioners, the City of Topeka, the Mayor, and local governments**
- **Schools, Colleges, and Universities:** ABCUSA-related school, Ottawa University
- **National security & infrastructure** — Safety of communication systems, public safety, responsible planning, and protection of vital services.
- **Employment, Unemployed, and Underemployed:** all people can find meaningful work
- **Farmers, Workers, Producers, and Unemployed**
- **First Responders: Fire & Rescue, Police, Security Officers, Sheriff, State Patrol, etc.**
- **Military Chaplains and Families**
- **Military Personnel and National Guard** – Active Duty and Veterans, Persons Missing in Action, and spouses and families of the deployed.
- **Poor, Neglected, Exploited, Homeless, Oppressed, and Trafficked:**
- **Prisons and Correctional Institutions** – Shawnee Co Correctional Facility and Staff
- **Public Health & Disease Outbreaks,** food safety, healthcare access, especially in underserved or rural areas.
- **Recovery and Addition Ministries:** Deacon Sonia Roling and Celebrate Recovery
- **Veterans and Missing in Action**

Family and Personal Lives: Marriages, children and students, young people, people living alone, the aged, people making transitions, travelers, conflict resolution, people grieving, hurting, and the lost.

- Mark Calloway Jr., Salena and the family
- Shelby Hersh – Master's in Social Work Program at KU

The World: joy of creation, human thriving, peace, for our enemies.

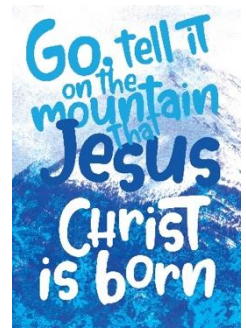
- Conservation of natural resources, prairie restoration, and the wise use of Creation
- Humanitarian & Peace Efforts
- Stability and Economic Development: a just end of international conflict and wars.
- Kingdom of God to expand, God's eternal glory to be revealed, and the End of Evil

YOU KNOW LOTS OF PEOPLE: Who will YOU invite to rekindle their faith and join our community by opening their hearts to the Holy One this Holy Season?

Approximately 70% of U.S. adults are spiritual in some way, either by self-identification or considering spirituality very important in their lives. Most Americans (64-69%) call themselves "Christians," with 45-48% of US Christians planning to attend a worship service in December. Help reach people for Jesus and reignite people's passion for God by inviting your family and friends to a service or event during Advent and Christmas:

1. **Social Media** – The average person has 150+ friends on social media. **Invite them all!**
2. **Dunbar's Theory** - Anthropologist Rubin Dunbar suggests the average person as 5 intimate friends, 15 social friends, 50 general friends of interest, and 150 acquaintances. You know people!

A Lifeway Research study found that **56% of Americans are likely to attend a Christian service if someone they know invites them.**



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