

Pray with us



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Introduction

This December, we pray for those affected in the devastation caused by Hurricanes Eta and Iota.

There are also points for prayer on upcoming UN International Days.

Thank you for joining with us in prayer. Please do print or forward to anyone you think would be glad to receive it so as to aid them in their prayers.

Reflection on prayer

'God speaks to us through other good people, through sermons, or through the reading of good books. Sometimes he calls through our sicknesses and our trials as he bids us to pray. However feeble such prayer may be, God values them highly.' Teresa of Ávila, The Interior Castle

Hurricanes Eta & Iota

Join with us in lament for the devastation communities are experiencing in the wake of hurricanes Eta and Iota in Central America.

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Bring before God all those who have lost their homes and livelihoods to the wind, rain, floods and landslides. Mourn alongside those who have lost family and friends, and pray for those living with the threat of malnutrition and famine.

Lord God, have mercy on us all and bring us together to bring change and hope to your suffering creation.

International days in December

1 December: Pray for all those living with HIV/AIDS and for greater access to prevention and treatment on World AIDS Day.

2 December: Pray for all those living through modern slavery, or suffering from the effects slavery still has on our world, on International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.

3 December: Pray that everyone will have access to healthcare and opportunities on International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

4 December: Pray that financial institutions will fund a greener and more just future on International Day of Banks.

5 December: Give thanks for all those who give their time and skills on International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social

7 December: Pray for all those who have been bereaved and are experiencing grief as today marks the end of National Grief Awareness Week.

10 December: Pray for justice, dignity and equality for all on Human Rights Day.

12 December: Pray that all will have access to the care they need on International Universal Health Coverage Day.

18 December: Pray for all those who seek safety, refuge and opportunity on International Migrants Day.

20 December: Pray that we will find strength and unity in our diversity on International Human Solidarity Day.

A Prayer for Advent and Christmas

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13

May you abound in the hope of the prophets, imagining another way. May you abound in the hope of a mother, singing revolution. May you abound in the hope of an infant, the incarnation of love. May you abound in the love that builds hope this day and evermore. And may you have a hopeful Advent and a comforting Christmas. Amen.

Love builds hope

We know that your church celebrations this Christmas will look very different to any other that has gone before. Our Christian Aid team has put together a collection of resources for you to use in Christmas services, whether online or in person. You can download them at caid.ie/christmas.

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