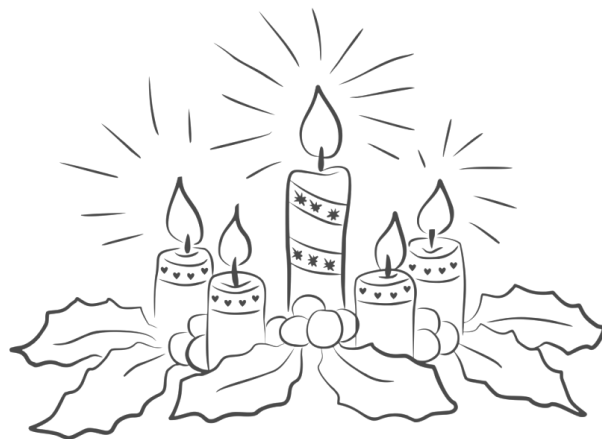
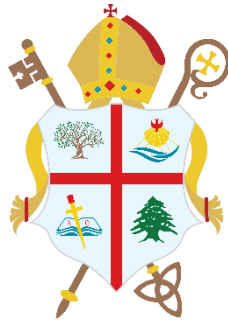




**The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem
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**Daily Meditations Booklet
Advent 2024**



Christmas is a time rich in tradition, but at its core lies the profound mystery of the Incarnation. This Christian belief that God became human in the person of Jesus is a testament to divine love and humility. It underscores God's willingness to bring peace to a world torn by war and destruction.

The message of peace is at the heart of Christmas. The angels' proclamation of "peace on earth" at the birth of Jesus heralds a new era. It is a call to humanity to embrace reconciliation, compassion, and understanding, especially in times torn by conflict. The Incarnation, God among us, is the ultimate expression of this peace, bridging the gap between the divine and the human.

In the spirit of Christmas, we are called to reflect this peace in our lives, even in the midst of war and destruction. This Season challenges us to break down barriers, heal divisions, and share grace with others. In the midst of conflict, Christmas reminds us that true peace begins within us and is embodied in our actions and responses. In these difficult times, we are called to rekindle the spirit of the Incarnation by spreading peace in our communities and the world around us. In the face of war and destruction, the spirit of Christmas can inspire us to work for justice and peace. As we celebrate Christmas in the midst of war and suffering, we must remember that the true message of Christmas is one of hope and renewal. In the heart of darkness, light is born. And with the birth of Jesus, we find in the Incarnation the hope that peace is possible in the midst of chaos. It is a powerful reminder that even in the darkest of times, hope and peace are possible.

Therefore, Christmas reminds us that, despite all the challenges, peace begins from within. As the spirit of Christmas spreads in our hearts and communities, we can be agents of peace, and bearers of hope even in the darkest of times. The Incarnation calls us to be light in the darkness, and peace in times of war.

++Archbishop Hosam Naoum

Advent Season 2024

1st Day

The First Sunday of Advent 1/12/2024



Verse of the Day:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:6-7)

Prayer by Rev'd Canon Hanna Mansour:

Almighty God, who has called Your Church to await the return of Your Son to bring it unto You: strengthen us during this time of waiting as we live amidst pain and suffering on every side, and empower us to bear witness to peace in times of war, to proclaim life in the face of death, and to embody the love You have called us to live. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Daily Cycle of Prayer:

- The Most Revd. Hosam & Mrs. Rafa Naoum
- Archbishop Hosam Naoum's office and team
- Archbishop's Consultants and Advisors

Advent Season 2024

2nd Day
Monday 2/12/2024



Verse of the Day

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

(John 14:27)

Prayer by Rev'd Fares Naoum:

King of Peace, we lift our hearts to You today, seeking Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Fill our souls with Your tranquility, calm the storms within us, and grant us a lasting peace that comes from Your presence in our lives. Lord, help us to be instruments of Your peace in this world, to reconcile with those around us, and to show love and unity wherever we go. Remove every worry and fear from our hearts, and teach us to trust in You in every circumstance. Amen

Daily Cycle of Prayer:

- Diocesan Offices in Jerusalem, Amman, and Beirut
- Diocesan Office staff and their families

Advent Season 2024

3rd Day

Tuesday 3/12/2024



Verse of the Day:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

Prayer by Rev'd Jamil Monir Khader:

Lord, thank You for calling us to be peacemakers, reflecting Your love and grace in a world that so desperately needs it. Help us to embody Your peace in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Grant us the wisdom to bring healing where there is conflict, understanding where there is division, and love where there is hatred. May we live as Your children, sharing the peace that only You can give. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Daily Cycle of Prayer:

- St. George's Cathedral - Jerusalem
 - Pastor to the Arabic-speaking Congregation / Rev'd Canon Wadie Far
 - Pastor to the English-speaking Congregation / Rev'd Canon Donald & Mrs. Christine Binder
- Christ Church-Jerusalem / Rev'd David & Mrs. Carol Pileggi

Advent Season 2024

4th Day

Wednesday 4/12/2024



Verse of the Day

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

(Romans 12:18)

Prayer by Rev'd Canon Dr. Donald Binder:

Heavenly Father, who seeks for all his children to live together in harmony and peace: transform our hearts, we pray, that we may be empowered by the grace of your Holy Spirit to forgive our enemies and to pray for them, as your Son commanded us to do, so that we might become channels of your peace and reconciling love in this sinful and broken world. We ask these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Daily Cycle of Prayer

- Christ Church–Nazareth / Rev'd Nael & Mrs. Mira Abu Rahmoun
- Church of the Holy Family–Raineh / Rev'd Hanna & Anita Dally

Advent Season 2024

5th Day

Thursday 5/12/2024



Verse of the Day:

Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. (James 3:18)

Prayer by Rev'd Imad Duebis:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you today with hearts filled with love, faith, and hope. We pray to you that your church will give the wisdom of the divine, pureness, peacefulness, and tolerance, so that we can live righteousness before you. Inspire us to do good works and spread peace throughout the whole earth, so that we may live together in a world where justice and peace prevail forever. Amen.

Daily Cycle of Prayer

- Church of the Redeemer, Amman
 - Pastor to the Arabic-speaking Congregation / Archdeacon Faeq & Mrs. Duaa Haddad
 - Pastor to the English-speaking Congregation / Rev'd Gavin & Mrs. Megan Rosser
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church—Marka / Canon George & Mary Al-Kopti

Advent Season 2024

6th Day

Friday 6/12/2024



Verse of the Day

**“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”
says the Lord, who has compassion on you. (Isaiah 54:10)**

Prayer by Rev'd Ibrahim Nairoz:

Our heavenly father, God of love, mercy, and peace, who always gives a better life to those who love you: pour out your Spirit upon us, O Lord, and renew our lives and thoughts.

We pray for your peace that surpasses all understanding, for you are the one who reassures our hearts by saying: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; this, O Lord, is the faithful promise of peace, that even if the mountains move and the hills are removed, your peace remains and does not disappear, and your mercy prevails and abides with us, and your love fills the universe, O Lord. Look mercifully and graciously upon us, and remove all forms of injustice, killing, and destruction, and end the occupation, for you are loving compassionate and give more than we can ask or imagine.

Amen

Daily Cycle of Prayer:

- Christ School–Nazareth / Mr. Wisam Talhami and Mrs. Areej Nijm Bishara
- St. John School–Haifa / Mrs. Grace Salameh

Advent Season 2024

7th Day

Saturday 7/12/2024



Verse of the Day:

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:12)

Prayer by Rev'd Gavin Rosser:

Heavenly Father, we delight in the cross of Christ. Thank you for his blood he shed for us, reconciling us to you, and making peace. We praise you for your grace and mercy; your compassion and pardon. As you have made peace with us, we pray you would enable us to be peace-makers in our homes and communities. Please send out your powerful and life-giving word of grace throughout our region. Thank you for the promise of a future, eternal and perfect peace; the promise of trees clapping their hands in a new and restored creation. May your will be done now on earth as it is in heaven. Come Lord Jesus. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer:

- St. Luke's Hospital–Nablus / Rev'd Jamil Maher Khader
- The Ahli Arab Hospital–Gaza / Ms. Suhaila Tarazi, Ms. Samira Farah, Dr. Maher Ayyad
- The Penman Clinic–Zababdeh / Mr. Isam Khader
- Medical Center–Ramallah /

Advent Season 2024

8th Day

The Second Sunday of Advent 8/12/2024



Verse of the Day:

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)

Prayer by Rev'd Canon Hatem Shehadeh:

God of peace and love, we thank You for granting us a peace that surpasses all understanding, a peace that the world cannot offer. In this blessed season, we lift our hearts to You, praying that You will grant us peace that brings hope for a better life. Dear lord Jesus Christ, your birth is the symbol of salvation and a source of hope for our weary nations, burdened by wars and conflicts. We ask that You make this season a new birth of peace in our hearts and our lands, a peace that restores order and dispels the darkness of war. Grant us the grace to carry Your peace wherever we go, so that Your light may guide us in this world full of turmoil. We ask this through Christ our lord. Amen

Cycle of Prayer:

- St. Andrew's Church–Ramallah / Rev'd Fadi & Mrs. Ruba Diab
- St. Peter's Church–Bir Zeit / Rev'd Fadi & Mrs. Ruba Diab

Advent Season 2024

9th Day

Monday 9/12/2024



Verse of the Day:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things, there is no law.

(Galatians 5:22-23)

Prayer Rev'd Hatim Jiryis:

O Lord, in the depths of life's turmoil, amidst the weakness of faith and loss of security, and at the height of war and distress, we pray and say: We are in desperate need of the fruit of Your Holy Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, wisdom, daily guidance, and help from Your Holy Spirit. Our Father, hear our prayer in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer:

- St. Paul's Church—Shefa'amr / Rev'd Canon Fuad & Mrs. Hana Dagher
- Church of the Savior—Kufr Yasif / Rev'd Bilal & Mrs. Lina Habiby
- Church of Christ the King—Tarshiha / Rev'd Hatim & Mrs. Renate Jiryis

Advent Season 2024

10th Day

Tuesday 10/12/2024



Verse of the Day

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace, there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with
justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will
accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Prayer by Rev'd Jamil Maher Khader:

O Almighty Lord, God of Peace, we thank You for granting us Your peace that surpasses all understanding and perception. We believe and are confident that, by holding on to You, no one in this world can take Your peace from our lives. We pray that by Your grace, we may recognize, trust, and choose the precious pearl, Your only Son, Jesus Christ, as Your Word given to us. He is the guarantee, the wonderful Word, the Counselor, the Mighty One, the Eternal One, and He is the peace without boundaries. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer:

- Church of the Savior–Zarka / Rev'd Khalid & Rana Freij
- Christ Chapel at Theodore Schneller–Al-Rsifa / Rev'd Khalid & Rana Freij
- St. Peter & St. Paul's Mission to Seafarers–Aqaba

Advent Season 2024

11th Day

Wednesday 11/12/2024



Verse of the Day

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:13-14)

Prayer by Rev’d Canon George Al Kopti:

Lord of good news that is full of joy at times of sadness, hope at days of depression and distress, love at time of hatred, and peace despite war and destruction: We pray that you may fill our lives, homes, church and homelands with true faith to see God’s work in the life, and birth through the resurrection, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to meditate in the angelic proclamation that we may become, with all faithful people, messengers of peace and love in this world, and we may labor to build bridges of peace among all people that the triune God may be glorified forever and ever. Amen

Cycle of Prayer:

- St. George’s School–Jerusalem / Mr. Richard Zananiri
- St George’s College–Jerusalem / Dean Richard & JulieAnn Sewell

Advent Season 2024

12th Day

Thursday 12/12/2024



Verse of the Day

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13)

Prayer by Rev'd Saleem Dawani:

God of hope, we approach you with hearts filled with gratitude and humility. We ask that you fill us with joy and peace as we grow in our faith in you. Please allow your Holy Spirit to work powerfully within us, increasing our hope each day so that we may find comfort and security in you. Help us to maintain our faith, even during times of difficulty and turmoil. We firmly believe that our hope in you will not lead to disappointment, for you are faithful to your people and promise all goodness and blessings. May we serve as a light to others and be living examples of your hope and peace.

We humbly beseech you to look upon your servants in the Diocese of Jerusalem, our Archbishop, priests, and all its affiliated institutions with grace and mercy. Fill their hearts, O Lord, grant hope, faith, and peace so that they may shine as a light in this world and guide lost souls. Strengthen their faith and make them living examples of Your love and divine care. Protect them and grant them the wisdom and strength to lead Your people.

In your name, we pray, and we offer you all glory, honor, and worship now and forever. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children–Jerusalem / Mrs. Violette Mubarak
- St. Luke's Centre for the Mentally Handicapped–Beirut / Mrs. Micheline Gebrayel

Advent Season 2024

13th Day

Friday 13/12/2024



Verse of the Day

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

(Ephesians 2:17)

Prayer by Rev'd Khalid Freij:

Our Heavenly Father, we humbly stand before you to express our thankfulness for the peace and reconciliation brought to us through our savior Jesus Christ, who came to give peace to those who were far off and to those who were near. Help us to share this peace of Christ with everyone around us, breaking down every wall of hostility – be it racial, cultural, or any other division. Fill our hearts with compassion, humility, and grace, so that we may serve as agents of reconciliation in a world that so desperately needs it. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, lives, and communities. Amen

Cycle of Prayer

- St. Philip's Church–Nablus / Rev'd Jamil & Mrs. Loma Khader
- Church of the Good Shepherd–Rafidia / Rev'd Jamil & Mrs. Loma Khader
- St. Matthew's Church–Zababdeh / Rev'd Saleem & Mrs. Adma Dawani, Rev'd Deacon Saleem Kasabreh

Advent Season 2024

14th Day

Saturday 14/12/2024



Verse of the Day

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

(James 1:17)

Prayer by Rev'd Deacon Saleem Kasabreh:

O Lord, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for enlightening us with Your eternal peace through the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world. We humbly pray that Your immutable and eternal light may flow into our hearts, so that we may feel the warmth of Your love for us, and into our minds, so we may be filled with the light of joy and hope that remains evident in our lives and to shine forth to the weary, and to those are spiritually and mentally troubled. We beseech You, O Lord, to pour out Your blessings and gifts upon the ministry of our Diocese, our priests and deacons, our parishes, and all our institutions, as well as upon all their staff, that we may always walk in Your light, which is full of holiness, hope, joy, and true peace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- Church of St. Mary–Irbid / Canon Samir & Sabah Esaid
- Church of St. John the Baptist–Al Husun / Rev'd Ibrahim & Vera Nairoz

Advent Season 2024

15th Day

The Third Sunday of Advent 15/12/2024



Verse of the Day

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). (Matthew 1:23)

Prayer by Archdeacon Imad Zoorob:

O loving and forgiving Father, You in Your great mercy promised to send a Savior for the salvation of our souls, promising us from ancient times the coming of the Savior from the seed of a woman — and behold, the Prophet Isaiah foretold the fulfillment of the promise of the birth of Emmanuel from The Virgin. Come, Emmanuel, and dwell in our midst, crushing the evil of this sinful world that lies in wait for us and for our children, our sons and daughters, and spread the fragrance of Your peace, the hope of Your heaven, and the warmth of Your heart, so that we may enjoy, like children once more, a longing for your blessed birth. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- The Arab Episcopal School–Ramallah / Mr. Iyad Rafidi
- The Technological & Vocational Training Center / Mr. Giovanni Anbar
- The Christian National Kindergarten–Nablus / Mrs. Rula Khalil

Advent Season 2024

16th Day

Monday 16/12/2024



Verse of the Day

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

(Luke 2:12)

Prayer by Rev'd Fadi Diab:

Merciful and loving Father, we give you thanks for the gift of your son Jesus Christ, who was born in a manger in solidarity with your creation. We come to you with heavy hearts lifting all children caught in the horrors of war. Shield them, Lord, from harm; wrap them in your caring arms; and surround them with your loving mercies. In the face of distress, uncertainties, and want, grant them relief and hope. We beseech you to heal wounded, soothe the troubled, and comfort the anguished. We pray, in particular, for the children of Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine and many other places where life is disrupted by wars and conflicts. Heavenly Father, make us instruments of your justice and peace; strengthen our hands to care for the vulnerable; empower our minds to speak for the voiceless, and encourage our hearts to challenge oppressive powers that produce distress and devastation. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- St. George's Guest House—Jerusalem / Mr. Mark Aboudi
- Schneller Guest House—Al-Rsefa / Rev'd Khalid Freij
- St. Margret's Guest House—Nazareth
- HLID Guest House—Salt / Rev'd Jamil Monir Khader
- Evangelical Home—Ramallah / Rev'd Fadi Diab

Advent Season 2024

17th Day

Tuesday 17/12/2024



Verse of the Day

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

Prayer by Rev’d Canon Fuad Dagher:

Lord, who is the source of peace and true comfort, we thank You for Your promise that fills us with hope amidst challenges. In this world, we face many trials and tribulations, but we trust in Your precious assurance that You have overcome the world. Help us, Lord, to carry out in our hearts the certainty that You are always with us, guiding us with Your light and granting us strength and perseverance. Grant us that peace which surpasses all understanding and fill our hearts with the confidence that in You we find our victory and triumph. In Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- Ahliyya & Bishop’s School–Amman / Dr. Alice Abboud
- Savior Arab Evangelical School–Zarka / Mrs. Duaa Bisharat
- Theodor Schneller School–Al Rsifa / Rev’d Khalid Freij
- The Arab Episcopal School–Irbid / Mrs. Sabah Esaid

Advent Season 2024

18th Day

Wednesday 18/12/2024



Verse of the Day

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David[a] a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

(Jeremiah 23:5)

Prayer by Rev’d Bilal Habiby:

O God, our heavenly Father and Almighty Lord: we thank you for your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer, who came to our world in order to grant us a better life and eternal life. O Lord, we thank you, also from the depths of our hearts for your grace, favor, and the blessings that you have blessed us with, especially at this critical time. We ask you, our Lord, to bestow upon us your grace to preach in your name and to announce your salvation to all the human race in order to stand before you at your Second Coming blameless and without any blemish. May we then inherit with you and with the rest of the redeemed believers your everlasting kingdom; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory now and forever. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- Church of St. John the Evangelist & St. Luke’s–Haifa / Rev’d Canon Hatem & Mrs. Elizabeth Shehadeh
- Church of the Savior –Akka / Rev’d Imad & Mrs. Dima Daibes
- Emmanuel Church–Ramla / Rev’d Fares & Mrs. Pascal Naoum
- St. Peter’s Church–Jaffa / Rev’d Fares & Mrs. Pascal Naoum

Advent Season 2024

19th Day
Thursday 19/12/2024



Verse of the Day

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

(2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

Prayer by Rev'd Hanna Dally:

O God Almighty, we thank you for blessing us and keeping us from the darkness of this world and bringing us safely to live this new day in our lives. Give us, O Lord, grace and blessing to fulfill your will in our lives. You, with your love, have restored to us the image of God in which you created us.

Lord, make in us the spirit of reconciliation to fulfill your message of love for all people, so that we may win that blessedness that you promised us when we serve as peacemakers.

Lord, give us always the power of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of heaven to always strive to work for reconciliation with ourselves, our family, our church, our country, and the whole world. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- Church of the Good Shepherd–Salt / Rev'd Jamil & Mrs. Sandy Khader
- St. Luke's Church–Salt / Rev'd Jamil & Mrs. Sandy Khader
- Fuheis Mission / Rev'd Ibrahim & Mrs. Vera Nairoz

Advent Season 2024

20th Day
Friday 20/12/2024



Verse of the Day

And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (Colossians 1:20)

Prayer by Rev'd Canon Samir Esaid:

We thank You, Lord Jesus, because You reconciled us with the Heavenly Father by Your blood to save us and forgive our sins. Because we were not able to make our peace with God, You made peace Yourself for us. By Your cross You ended the enmity, and all things became new. We glorify your name and bless you because by your cross you declared love and peace, removed enmity, and reconciled us with heaven. O Lord, give us also your peace in our tormented land, so that the machines of war and destruction may stop. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- All Saint's Church—Beirut Arab & English-speaking congregations / Archdeacon Imad & Mrs. Hind Zoorob
- All Saint's Church—Damascus / Archdeacon Imad & Mrs. Hind Zoorob
 - Sudanese & Arab Community / Mr. Alex Amaziah
 - English-speaking Community

Advent Season 2024

21st Day

Saturday 21/12/2024



Verse of the Day

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

(Romans 14:19)

Prayer by Rev'd Canon Wadie Far

Heavenly Father, loving and gracious, we thank You for sending Your only Son to be born in a humble manger for the salvation of all humanity. Through His miraculous birth, He drew us closer to You and reconciled us with Your tender heart.

As the glorious Christmas season approaches, we lift our hearts and voices to You, O Lord of Peace, asking You to pour out Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, upon our lives, hearts, and minds. We pray that You grant Your divine peace to our nation and to the whole world, calming storms and ending conflicts, especially in these times of war and turmoil.

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace and justice. Help us to be ambassadors of Your love, working together to build Your Church and serve our brothers and sisters in need. Grant us the strength to sow seeds of peace and love wherever we go, so that we may become a light in the world and a living testimony to your work in it. To You be the glory forever. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- Holy Land Institute for the Deaf–Salt / Rev'd Jamil Monir Khader
- Al Kreimeh Rehabilitation Center–Kreimeh / Mr. Nathir Tadros
- Jofeh Rehabilitation Center–Jofeh / Rev'd Jamil Monir Khader
- The Ahliyya & Bishop's Kindergarten–Al Husun / Mrs. Faten Azzar

Advent Season 2024

22nd Day

The Fourth Sunday of Advent 22/12/2024



Verse of the Day

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

(Ephesians 4:3)

Prayer by Archdeacon Faeq Haddad:

O Lord Jesus Christ, the light of the world who was incarnated among us: We celebrate your great birth that filled the earth with peace and joy. To You who came to unite peoples and gather hearts in your love, we ask you to help us preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. Grant us, O Lord, a humble heart and pure thoughts, so that we may live according to your commandments and bear witness to your wondrous love that united heaven and earth. Make us, O Lord, a light that carries your peace and reflects the love of your birth everywhere. We ask you, O Jesus, to fill our hearts with joy and hope, and keep our bonds strong in the unity of faith, so that we may be a living testimony to your glory. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- St. Paul's Church—Ashrafiyya / Rev'd Canon George & Mrs. Mary Al-Kopti
- The Home for the Elderly—Ashrafiyya / Mrs. Muna Oweis

Advent Season 2024

23rd Day

Monday 23/12/2024



Verse of the Day

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.”

(Matthew 1:21)

Prayer by Dean Richard Sewell:

O Lord, you sent to us your Son to be for us the Prince of Peace and the promise of Salvation. O Lord, you sent to us your Son, to be for us the Prince of Peace and the promise of salvation. When fear and danger abounds and evil crouches near, we are comforted by the knowledge of your love. O God, you tell us that your love is stronger than death and that your light has overcome the darkness. Please help us to know the truth of your words. In a world of troubles, peace in our lives and in the nations is so elusive; open our hearts to the gift of your Son, Jesus, that we may be saved from our sins. May peace prevail in us, in the Holy Land, and throughout your world. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- Ordinands in Training
 - Joel Kelling
 - Saba Kerry
 - Khaled Dally
- Retired Bishops, Clergy and their families

Advent Season 2024

24th Day

Tuesday 24/12/2024



Verse of the Day

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14)

Prayer Rev'd Canon Nael Abu Rahmoun:

O Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself and left your divine throne; you were incarnated and lived among us here in the Holy Land where you experienced suffering and injustice: We ask you to remain with us, especially in these difficult times. Give us the grace and strength to be able to stand with the weak, the oppressed, and anyone in distress, so that we may contribute to achieving peace, justice, and truth. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

- Companion Dioceses
- The Province of Jerusalem & The Middle East
- The Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria

Advent Season 2024

25th Day – Christmas Day
Wednesday 25/12/2024



Verse of the Day

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
(Luke 2:10-12)

Prayer by Archbishop Hosam Naoum

O God, the Giver of peace and the Creator of life and hope: We humbly pray to You to send a just and lasting peace to our Holy Land. Let wars and violence come to an end, and may harmony prevail among the peoples of the region, built on mutual respect and the protection of the rights of the oppressed.

Today we lift our prayers for all who celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Pour out Your goodness, grace, and peace upon our clergy, congregations, and institutions, so that we may continue to bear witness to the Savior's birth and proclaim Your love to the world. You are the source of all peace, and from You flow every blessing and gift.

Shine the light of Your wondrous birth into our darkness. Heal the wounds of our land with the peace of Your holy Nativity. Strengthen the resilience of Your children in their homeland with the hope that comes from Your birth. Protect our sacred presence with the unending love revealed in Your coming. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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