#### Thursday, December 18

Heavenly Father, you've given us Jesus as your example of how to live and love in all circumstances. As we go through life, help us to always be ever mindful of this, we are thankful. We praise you. Amen.

# Friday, December 19

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of our community of faith here at St. Luke's. We thank you for providing so many opportunities to pray and worship, to study the Bible, to make friends, to give ourselves away in generosity and service, and to tell our stories. Thank you for filling our church with your Spirit and love. Amen.

# Saturday, December 20

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate your birth this year, grant us the child-like faith that we need to see the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to experience the joy and excitement of anticipation and let us approach our lives with expectant faith. Thank you for changing the world and changing us. Amen.

# Sunday, December 21

Heavenly Father, we pray for our loved ones who are hospitalized and won't make it home for Christmas. We pray that you will continue to heal them and comfort them. Bless them with the assurance that you are always with them and wrap your loving arms around them. Amen.

#### Monday, December 22

Heavenly Father, thank you for all the blessings you provide. As we go through our daily lives, we often feel we can accomplish our goals on our own. As we look back, it's obvious, because of your love for us; you've tipped the scales in our favor along the way. Father, keep us aware of our total dependence on you. Amen.

#### Tuesday, December 23

Heavenly Father, thank you for all of the gifts you have given us. Thank you for our spiritual gifts; guide us to develop them and use them to further your Kingdom here on earth. Thank you for our talents; guide us to use them for your good purposes. Thank you for our Savior; sanctify us so that we become more like Jesus every day. Amen.

# Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Dear Lord, thank you for the people you have placed in our lives. Help us to cherish the warm conversations and time together this Christmas Eve. May your peace and joy fill our hearts as we celebrate together the birth of Jesus. In your name, we pray, Amen.

# Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Gracious, loving, and Holy God, on this blessed Christmas day we give thanks to you for the wondrous gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, the Word made flesh. In his birth, we see your grace at work, reaching out to redeem and restore all creation. We rejoice that the child in the manger is also the Savior who lived, died, and rose again so that we may have new life through him. Warm our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may share his light and love with a world that continues to long for hope and peace. In the name of Christ our Lord, we give thanks and rejoice. Amen.

# Friday, December 26

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Christmas and the joy of our celebrations. Teach us that Jesus has made every day like Christmas. Help us to see the hope, peace, and love of Jesus in every day. Amen.

# Saturday, December 27

Loving God, when conflicts arise in our lives, help us to listen first and try to understand the full situation. Grant us wisdom to find a solution that is helpful and let us respond with love and grace. Work through us to be peacemakers. Amen.

### Sunday, December 28

Heavenly Father, thank you for the loved ones you have placed in our lives. Thank you for surrounding us with loved ones who listen to us and help us. Remind us to listen to others and help them as the need arises. Amen.

# Monday, December 29

God of Heaven, thank you for the gift of a new day. Let us enjoy this day to the fullest and spread joy to others. May your Holy Spirit be alive and well in us all. Amen.

# Tuesday, December 30

Heavenly Father, the prophet Isaiah was in the temple when you called him, and he answered your call by saying, "Here I am, send me." Lead us to worship you regularly in the new year and open our hearts to hear your call. Grant us courage to follow you in the new year. Amen.

### Wednesday, December 31

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of another year. We thank you for growing us and leading us through the difficult times, and we praise you for all of your blessings this year. Open our eyes to see how you have blessed us this past year and lead us into the new year ready to follow you, growing into the people you have called us to be. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

# PRAYER CALENDAR



# DECEMBER 2025

We pray and worship to build a closer relationship of love with Jesus Christ.

Let's pray each day, uniting our hearts with one another and with God.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

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#### Monday, December 1

Dear Father in Heaven, thank you again for your bountiful blessings. Praise your name for the quiet days we get to spend in nature. The quiet, still beauty of nature makes it easier to 'Be still and know that I am God,' rather than listening to airplanes and sirens in the city. Help us to be better listeners all the time and share your love. Amen.

# Tuesday, December 2

Heavenly Father, the gift of our Savior is more miraculous than we can imagine. As we rejoice and celebrate his birth, help us to remember why we need a Savior, and guide us to re-examine our lives and turn towards you. Let us rededicate our lives to you and then let us share the hope of our Savior with others. May this Christmas season be truly wonderous. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

# Wednesday, December 3

Lord Jesus, you came down from Heaven to be with us and to teach us how to live. You overturned tables and went against cultural norms for your Heavenly mission, and you died to redeem us from our sins. Grant us courage to follow you and not the ways of the world as we go through our daily lives. Sanctify us. Amen.

#### Thursday, December 4

Heavenly Father, we are fortunate to live in an age when information is so easily accessible. We can find answers to questions in literally seconds. Some of that information is designed to create division and lead us away from you. Bless us Father by giving us the ability to know when words are being used with evil intentions rather than factual purposes. Amen.

# Friday, December 5

Gracious God, Through the story of Adam and Eve, you remind us that you are never far from us even when we have sinned. Through the story of Abraham, you remind us that when the sacrifice is more than we can bear, you will provide for us. Through the story of Job, you remind us to persevere because even greater blessings are coming. Through the songs of the Psalms, you give us the words for prayer and comfort. Through the story of Jesus' birth, you remind us that when there is no room at the inn, you have a different plan that is even more than we imagine. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of your Holy Scripture that teaches us about your love and grace. Amen.

#### Saturday, December 6

Heavenly Father, it is easy to skip over the sin and bloodshed of the Old Testament and go straight to the grace of Jesus in the New Testament. Remind us to study the whole Bible and open our eyes to see the great lengths that you go to in order to save us from the bondage of sin. Open our minds to richness of the Old Testament Scriptures and guide us with the Holy Spirit to learn the importance of the Old Testament and how it points to Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

# Sunday, December 7

Heavenly Father, the stress of the holiday preparations is building, and it is easy to get overwhelmed. Guide us to remember the joy of this season and help us keep our focus on you. Grant us your peace and help us to remember that you are the one who makes this season joyous. Work through our hands to keep our traditions and celebrations focused on you. Amen.

# Monday, December 8

Dear Father in Heaven, we are so blessed in so many ways. Thank you and praise your name for all your goodness. In this time of generosity and giving, help us to be honest with our time and talents. Show us your way to help others. Help us to see opportunities before us and move in ways to do your work. Amen.

#### Tuesday, December 9

Dear God, we surrender our whole hearts to you. Open our hearts and cleanse us of the sin that lives there. Then fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit so that your love may overflow into all that we do and say. Thank you for making us a new creation in Jesus. Amen.

#### Wednesday, December 10

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one this Holiday season. Please comfort them as they grieve and bless them with your loving presence this season. Take away their hurt and help them find ways to honor the memory of their loved one. Amen.

#### Thursday, December 11

Lord Jesus, you always took time to be with the people around you. Guide us to follow your example this Christmas season. Let us put down our electronic devices and spend time with those who are close to us. Remind us to welcome little children and to stop what we are doing to help someone in need. May we experience the joy of being fully present in our world. Amen.

# Friday, December 12

Gracious God, yesterday is gone so help us to learn from our mistakes and move forward with confidence that our sins are forgiven. We have the present now, so grant us wisdom and self-control to make decisions that lead to better ways. Tomorrow has not yet come so teach us not to worry, but to trust you. In name of Jesus who has always been there and always will be, Amen.

# Saturday, December 13

Lord Jesus, we give you our to do lists, and we pray that you would guide us to prioritize the way you would. Guide us to be good and faithful servants of you and those around us. Guide us to be good stewards of all that God has given to us. Amen.

#### Sunday, December 14

Heavenly Father, as we get closer to Christmas and more things are added to our to do list, help us to remember the holiness of this season. As we decorate for Christmas, let us take time to read the birth story of Jesus to tell our little ones and tell them about the gift of their Savior. As we wait in the checkout line, remind us to pray for those who have no food, and move us to donate to the food pantry. As we get the house ready for company, let us pray for those who are lonely, and grant us the courage to reach out to invite them into our church. As we purchase gifts, remind us of your greatest gift of grace, and grant us the courage to share our faith story with others. We praise you as we grow in the Five Habits of St. Luke's, Amen.

# Monday, December 15

Dear Father in Heaven, we are thankful every day for all the blessings you give us. As we get older and have more aches and pains, we are thankful for a nice warm bed. We know that everyone does not enjoy such a nice blessing. Help us pay more attention to small things and share our blessings with others. Amen.

#### Tuesday, December 16

Gracious God, as the holidays are approaching, we think of family and friends, and we are reminded of broken relationships. Guide us to follow your example of grace and forgiveness and grant us the courage to reach out to our estranged loved ones. Let us wholeheartedly work to restore peace and love in difficult situations. Fill us with your Holy Spirit of peace. Amen.

#### Wednesday, December 17

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of your grace. We thank you for loving us no matter what we have done. Help us to remember that there is nothing that will separate us from you and that there is nothing that you cannot fix. Thank you for instilling hope in us through Jesus. Amen.