



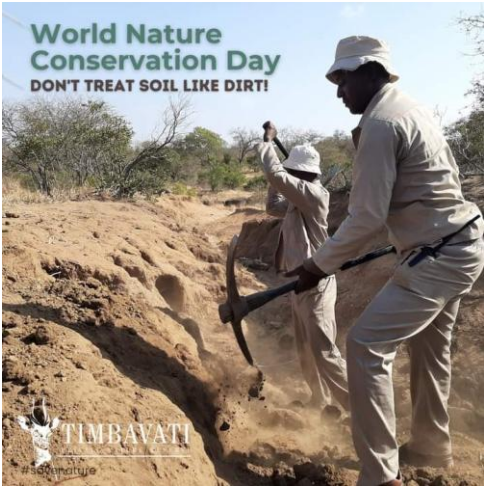
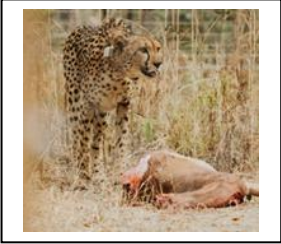
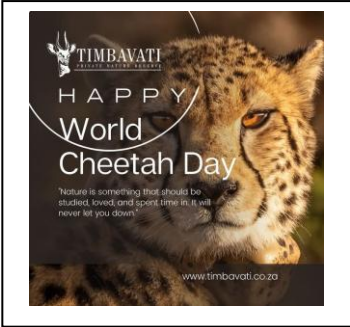
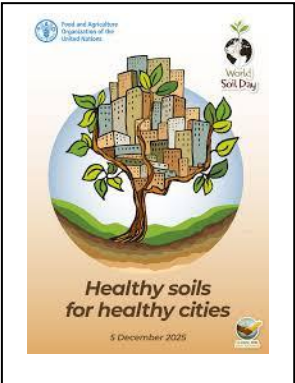
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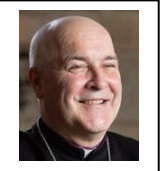
December 2025 Environmental Prayer Diary



The purpose of this Prayer Diary is to provide subjects for your reflection and prayer as the Spirit moves you


<p>Monday</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Creator God, Source of all life, As we step into this new month, we thank you for the gift of our Earth, our common home, with its vibrant life, sustaining waters, and clean air. We seek your wisdom to be responsible stewards of this precious gift, to tread lightly upon the land, and to cherish its resources for all generations to come. Forgive us for the times we have been wasteful, driven by consumerism, and indifferent to the damage our habits inflict on your creation and on our global neighbours. In this new month, stir our hearts into compassionate action. Help us to make choices that heal our wounded world, and to live simply that all may have enough. May our lives reflect a new beginning, marked by respect and love for all that you have made, and may we find joy and peace in living in harmony with creation. We pray for the courage to advocate for lasting change and for leaders to make wise decisions for the common good of people and planet. May your Spirit renew the face of the Earth and restore us to a right relationship with you, each other, and all creation. Amen.</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Calypso Carol</p> <p>See him lying on a bed of straw Draughty stable with an open door Mary cradling the babe she bore The prince of glory is his name.</p> <p><i>Oh, now carry me to Bethlehem To see the Lord appear to men Just as poor as was the stable then The prince of glory when he came.</i></p> <p>Star of silver sweeps across the skies Show where Jesus in the manger lies Shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise To see the Saviour of the world.</p> <p>Mine are riches from thy poverty From thine innocence, eternity Mine, forgiveness by thy death for me Child of sorrow, for my joy.</p> <p>Angels, sing again the song you sang Bring God's glory to the heart of man Sing, "Bethlehem's little baby can Be salvation to the soul."</p> <p>Listen</p>

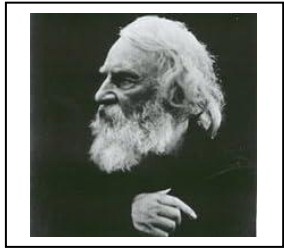

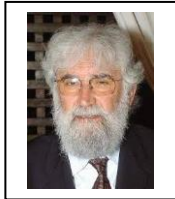


<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>3</p>	
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>International Cheetah Day</p> <p>In May 2025, several cheetah were relocated from South Africa to Mozambique as part of a rewilding project by the EWT Cheetah Range Expansion Project to restore the species in its historical range. The goal of the project is to create a self-sustaining, growing wild population. The project involved carefully selected adaptable cheetahs, complex logistics, and gradual release into bomas before their final freedom. Early indications suggest the cheetahs are adapting well to their new surroundings, with successful hunting and extensive movement reported.</p>   <p>The return of cheetahs as apex predators is intended to restore ecological functionality and balance within these ecosystems. Reintroduction of cheetahs into protected areas is one of the key strategies to reduce the risk of extinction, fuelled by habitat loss and events such as persecution, prey depletion and disease.</p> <p><i>Give thanks for all the scientists and conservationist who work tirelessly to save this beautiful cat and pray that their work will be blessed abundantly!</i></p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>International Soil Day</p> <p>2025 Theme: "Healthy Soils for Healthy Cities"</p> <p>"<i>Healthy Soils for Healthy Cities</i>" promotes the idea that improving urban soil health leads to thriving cities by supporting nutritious food production, sustainable waste management, and the overall well-being of urban ecosystems and communities, thus regenerating soil for better environmental harmony.</p> <p>A healthy soil involves a living, complex ecosystem supported by principles like covering the soil, minimizing disturbance, diverse indigenous plantings</p> 

		<p>which leads to better water retention, nutrient cycling, and soil structure.</p> <p>All households produce organic waste that could be processed into compost and returned to the soil, creating closed-loop systems that reduce landfill waste and build soil fertility.</p> <p>We all need to see soil as a living system!</p> <p>Prayer:</p> <p><i>Lord of all Creation, we give thanks for the blessed soil that sustains us. Thank you for the earth that nourishes our bodies, filters our water, and provides the ground for crops and forests to grow. Thank you for the countless creatures within it that contribute to its life and vitality. We are grateful for the soil that supports every living thing, and to which we return, for it is the foundation of life on Earth. Amen".</i></p>
Saturday	6	<p>" 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it' - Psalm 24:1&2</p> <p>This planet is not just a lump of matter, floating in the vastness space. It was made by God. It belongs to him. And we are the stewards who have been charged with caring for it.</p> <p>We need to reimagine our relationship with creation, to act as good stewards, honouring the Creator by caring for his creation. We pray that decisions and promises made at COP30 will be invaluable. The work of protecting the lungs of the earth begins in every community, in every parish – through prayer, and through action.'</p>  <p>Archbishop of York, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell</p>
Sunday	7	<p>2nd Sunday in Advent - Prayer for Peace</p> <p>Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life - burdens that steal the joy right out of our stockings. Tragedy arrives as innocent victims suffer, and an inner voice whispers, "Be afraid!" We need your peace, Jesus. We confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true? In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Advent, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. We not only need Your peace and joy; Lord, we crave it. You've promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken hearted - not just at Advent, but every day of every year. Your name is still called "Wonderful," "Counsellor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," and "The Prince of Peace." We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You. You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace. You are no longer a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and King of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord - this Christmas and always.</p> <p>Rebecca Barlow Jordan</p>

<p>Monday</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>Creation is the Primary Cathedral</p>  <p>Creation itself - not ritual or spaces constructed by human hands - was Francis' primary cathedral. It is no accident that the majority of Jesus' stories and metaphors are based on human and natural observations, not classroom theology. It is not unimportant that both Jesus and Francis were peripatetic teachers - talking while walking - and on the road of the world. In our own time, major teachers like Thomas Berry and Teilhard de Chardin have rediscovered this natural and universal theology.</p> <p>The Gospel transforms us by putting us in touch with that which is much more constant and satisfying, literally the "ground of our being," and has much more "reality" to it than theological concepts or the mere ritualization of reality. Daily cosmic events in the sky and on the earth are the Reality above our heads and beneath our feet every minute of our lives: a continuous sacrament. I find that a preoccupation with religious rituals tends to increase the more we remain untouched by Reality Itself - to which the best rituals can only point.</p> <p>Jesus himself commonly points to things like the red sky, a hen, lilies, the fig tree, a donkey caught in a pit, the birds of the air, the grass in the field, the temple animals that he released from their cages, and on and on. He was clearly looking at the seemingly "nonreligious" world, ordinary things all around him, and appeared to do most of his teaching out of doors. Francis said, "Wherever we are, wherever we go, we bring our cell and our soul with us. Our Brother Body is our cell and our soul is the hermit living in the cell. If our soul does not live in peace and solitude within this moving cell, of what avail is it to live in a man-made cell?"</p> <p>Both Jesus and Francis knew that everything created was a message about the nature of God. Nature was not empty of divinity. Seeing nature as secular or merely functional created much of the loneliness and seeming meaninglessness in our contemporary worldview.</p> <p>In the five-day Men's Rites of Passage - that was a focus of my work for fifteen years - so many men felt that prayers and rituals inside of human-scale buildings were rather domesticated and controlled. They often perceived that the salvation offered inside these artificial constructs was also "small" and churchy. Almost without exception, the greatest breakthroughs for our men occurred during extended times of silence in nature, where the human and the merely verbal were not in control, or during rituals that were raw and earthy. Remember that good ritual, like art itself, merely imitates nature.</p> <p>Gateway to Silence: Praised be You, my Lord, through all your creatures. —Francis of Assisi <i>From Richard Rohr's daily meditations</i> www.cac.org</p>
		

<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Luke 6:43-45 A Tree and Its Fruit</p> <p>⁴³ “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>International Mountain Day</p> <p><i>2025 Theme: “Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond”</i></p> <p>International Mountain Day 2025 is an opportunity to highlight the importance of glacier preservation for agriculture, water security and the livelihoods of vulnerable mountain communities.</p>  <p>Glaciers, vast reserves of ice and snow found across the planet, are far more than frozen landscapes - they are lifelines for ecosystems and communities. Yet, these critical components of the Earth's systems are undergoing rapid and alarming transformations with profound consequences for us all.</p> <p>The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2025 as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation to raise awareness on the vital role glaciers, snow and ice play in the climate system and water cycle, as well as the far-reaching impacts of rapid glacial melt. It aims to promote global collaboration, strengthen scientific research, and promote policies and actions to protect glaciers and cryospheric systems.</p> <p>Glaciers and ice sheets hold around 70 percent of the world's freshwater. Their accelerated melting represents not only an environmental crisis, but a humanitarian one, threatening agriculture, clean energy, water security and billions of peoples' lives. Their retreat, driven by rising global temperatures, is a stark indicator of the climate crisis.</p> <p>Although we in South Africa* don't have glaciers within our borders, we are none the less indirectly affected by their destruction. Rising sea levels that threaten coastal cities, increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events can be linked to glacial melting — again reminding us that everything is interconnected.</p> <p><i>*(Remnants of ancient glaciers in South Africa include extremely well-preserved glacial deposits dating back billions of years, found under the gold fields. More recent glacial features from the Late Paleozoic and Last Glacial periods are visible in the Drakensberg Mountains and the Eastern Cape, where glacial pavement and U-shaped valleys can be found, such as at Nieuwoudtville and the Nooitgedacht Glacial Pavements near Kimberley).</i></p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>Father, we thank you for a new awareness among many people of the need to care for and heal your world. Show us, we pray, the actions we can take to play our part in the healing process, to lead by example and to be prepared to give reasons for what we do.</p>

<p>Saturday</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>“And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong, And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"</p> <p>Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep! The Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men!"</p> <p>Henry Wadsworth Longfellow</p>	
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>3rd week in Advent - Prayer for Joy</p> <p>This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus’ birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn’t dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn’t depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.</p> <p>Father, you offer that same joy to us now if we know you and recognise Jesus as our Saviour and Lord. You gave us a reason to celebrate when you gave us the unspeakable gift of Jesus Christ. You came to dwell among us. You went to Calvary’s cross for us. You overcame death and rose from the dead for us. You forgive our sins and give us eternal life when we believe in you.</p> <p>Our joy doesn’t come from our jobs, our family, our relationships, our finances, or our success. Our joy doesn’t come from what we have on earth or who we are with. Our joy is a gift. It is the gift that you gave us that first Christmas in Jesus Christ. Our joy is encompassed in our Savior, King Jesus. Flood our heart with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus’ birth. In Jesus’ precious name we pray. Amen.</p>	
<p>Monday</p>	<p>15</p>		
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>“The eternal destiny of human beings will be measured by how much or how little solidarity we have displayed with the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. In the end we will be judged in terms of love.”</p> <p>Leonardo Boff <i>Brazilian theologian, philosopher writer, and former Catholic priest</i></p>	

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"Noel" is the title of a poem by J.R.R. Tolkien. It was published together with the poem "The Shadow Man" in the Annual of Our Lady's School in 1936. According to Wayne G. Hammond and Christina Scull, who discovered the poem in 2013, it is a "directly Christian poem, celebrating the birth of Christ".

"Noel" by J. R. R. Tolkien

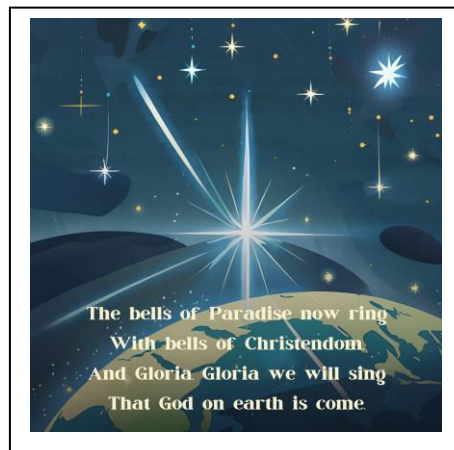
Grim was the world and grey last night:
The moon and stars were fled,
The hall was dark without song or light,
The fires were fallen dead.
The wind in the trees was like to the sea,
And over the mountains' teeth
It whistled bitter-cold and free,
As a sword leapt from its sheath.

The lord of snows upreared his head;
His mantle long and pale
Upon the bitter blast was spread
And hung o'er hill and dale.
The world was blind,
the boughs were bent,
All ways and paths were wild:
Then the veil of cloud apart was rent,
And here was born a Child.


The ancient dome of heaven sheer
Was pricked with distant light;
A star came shining white and clear
Alone above the night.
In the dale of dark in that hour of birth
One voice on a sudden sang:
Then all the bells in Heaven and Earth
Together at midnight rang.

Mary sang in this world below:
They heard her song arise
O'er mist and over mountain snow
To the walls of Paradise,
And the tongue of many bells was stirred
in Heaven's towers to ring
When the voice of mortal maid was heard,
That was mother of Heaven's King.



Glad is the world and fair this night
With stars about its head,
And the hall is filled with laughter and light,
And fires are burning red.
The bells of Paradise now ring
With bells of Christendom,
And Gloria, Gloria we will sing
That God on earth is come.



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With bells of Christendom
And Gloria Gloria we will sing
That God on earth is come


<p>Thursday</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>'Twas the night before Christmas</p> <p>'Twas the night before Christmas & out on the ranch, The pond was froze over & so was the branch. The snow was piled up belly-deep to a mule. The kids were all home on vacation from school, and happier young folks you never did see- Just all sprawled around a-watchin' TV. Then suddenly, sometime around 8 o'clock, There came a surprise that gave them a shock! The power went off, the TV went dead! When Grandpa came in from out in the shed With an armload of wood, the house was all dark. "Just what I expected," they heard him remark "Them power line wires must be down from the snow. Seems sorta like times on the ranch long ago." "I'll hunt up some candles," said Mom. "With their light, and the fireplace, I reckon we'll make out all right." The teen-agers all seemed enveloped in gloom. Then Grandpa came back from a trip to his room, Uncased his old fiddle & started to play that old Christmas song about bells on a sleigh. Mom started to sing, & first thing they knew both Pop & the kids were all singing it, too. They sang Christmas carols, they sang "Holy Night," Their eyes all a-shine in the ruddy firelight. They played some charades Mom recalled from her youth, and Pop read a passage from God's Book of Truth. They stayed up till midnight-and, would you believe, The youngsters agreed 'twas a fine Christmas Eve. Grandpa rose early, sometime before dawn; and when the kids wakened, the power was on.. "The power company sure got the line repaired quick," Said Grandpa - and no one suspected his trick. Last night, for the sake of some old-fashioned fun, He had pulled the main switch - the old Son-of-a-Gun!</p> <p>Author Unknown</p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>19</p>	 <p>If we count our blessings, one by one, we will not have time to count our problems</p>




<p>Saturday</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>“And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans - and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused - and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.”</p>  <p>Sigrid Undset</p>
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>4th week in Advent - Prayer for Love</p> <p>Heavenly Father, the whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word...LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meagre barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent helps us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus.</p> <p>The greatest gift of all came that first Christmas. It wasn't wrapped in a beautiful package and set under a decorated tree. The greatest gift came wrapped in the flesh of baby Jesus and laid in the rough wood of a manger. Our perfect gift would later be rewrapped in the scars of our sin and nailed to the rugged wood of a cross on Calvary, all because of love.</p> <p>Father, this final week of Advent, fill our hearts and minds with the significance of that truth. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.</p>
<p>Monday</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>Encyclical Letter <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> of Pope Francis on the Fraternity and Social Friendship</p> <p>Chapter Four</p> <p>Local flavour</p> <p>143. The solution is not an openness that spurns its own richness. Just as there can be no dialogue with “others” without a sense of our own identity, so there can be no openness between peoples except on the basis of love for one’s own land, one’s own people, one’s own cultural roots. I cannot truly encounter another unless I stand on firm foundations, for it is on the basis of these that I can accept the gift the other brings and in turn offer an authentic gift of my own. I can welcome others who are different, and value the unique contribution they have to make, only if I am firmly rooted in my own people and culture. Everyone loves and cares for his or her native land and village, just as they love and care for their home and are personally responsible for its upkeep. The common good likewise requires that we protect and love our native land. Otherwise, the consequences of a disaster in one country will end up affecting the entire planet. All this brings out the positive meaning of the right to property: I care for and cultivate something that I possess, in such a way that it can contribute to the good of all.</p> 

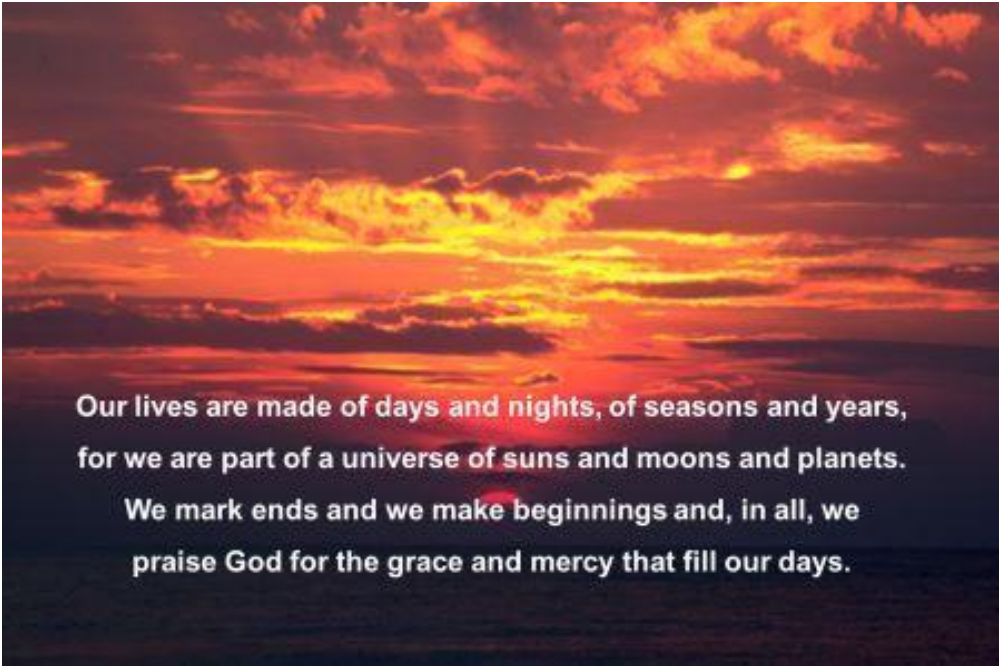

		<p>144. It also gives rise to healthy and enriching exchanges. The experience of being raised in a particular place and sharing in a particular culture gives us insight into aspects of reality that others cannot so easily perceive. Universal does not necessarily mean bland, uniform and standardized, based on a single prevailing cultural model, for this will ultimately lead to the loss of a rich palette of shades and colours, and result in utter monotony. Such was the temptation referred to in the ancient account of the Tower of Babel. The attempt to build a tower that would reach to heaven was not an expression of unity between various peoples speaking to one another from their diversity. Instead, it was a misguided attempt, born of pride and ambition, to create a unity other than that willed by God in his providential plan for the nations (cf. Gen 11:1-9).</p> <p>145. There can be a false openness to the universal, born of the shallowness of those lacking insight into the genius of their native land or harbouring unresolved resentment towards their own people. Whatever the case, “we constantly have to broaden our horizons and see the greater good which will benefit us all. But this has to be done without evasion or uprooting. We need to sink our roots deeper into the fertile soil and history of our native place, which is a gift of God. We can work on a small scale, in our own neighbourhood, but with a larger perspective... The global need not stifle, nor the particular prove barren”;^[125] our model must be that of a polyhedron, in which the value of each individual is respected, where “the whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of its parts”.^[126]</p> <p><i>Prayerfully consider how this affects our Country</i></p>
Tuesday	23	<p>Traditional Jewish prayer</p> <p>How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands! The heavens declare your glory; the arch of sky displays your handiwork. In your love you have given us the power to behold the beauty of your world robed in all its splendour.</p> <p>The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills, the rivers and lakes all disclose your presence. The roaring breakers of the seas tell of your awesome might; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air speak of your wondrous will.</p> <p>In your goodness you have made us able to hear the music of the world. You are in our midst. A divine voice sings through all creation.</p>
Wednesday	24	<p>Prayer of Gratitude for the Birth of Jesus</p> <p>Father God, we thank You and praise You for the miracle of Your Son's birth. Thank You for bringing great JOY to the whole world! Thank You for giving us the assurance that because You came to us in the form of a human, we who believe in Jesus can know with absolute certainty that we'll spend eternity with You. We thank You, Lord, for the many reasons we have been given a merry Christmas. And we rejoice for each blessing. New life. New love. A home. A job. New opportunities. Second chances. And more. We know, Lord, that You bring the sun and the moon and set the stars in motion. You tell the ocean where to stop and the snow when to start.</p> <p>And we thank You for the mighty gift of Your creation. Thank You, Father, for spiritual leaders and faith-filled friends who keep encouraging us when we are close to giving up. And although we have many reasons to rejoice, Lord, we also know December 25th can be not-so-merry for a whole host of reasons.</p>

		<p>We pray for those who are experiencing loss during Advent: relational, financial, spiritual and physical.</p> <p>We pray for those who are coping with loving a prodigal and our friends and family members whose hearts are far from You. We pray for those dealing with unemployment and addictions and chronic sickness... and unending pain and frustrations of all kinds. Thank You, Lord, that You are The Wonderful Counsellor and Prince of Peace, even in the midst of our not-so-merry circumstances.</p> <p>Finally, Lord, we ask You to grant us peace. Peace in our communities, peace in our homes, peace in our churches, and peace in our hearts, when the world all around us spins out-of-control. Help us to stay focused on You, this Advent season and always. Thank You for loving the whole world enough to send the greatest gift, Your Son, so that we might truly have a very merry Christmas. In Jesus' Name, Amen.</p> <p>Steph Raquel</p>
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<p>Thursday</p>	<p>25</p>	 <p>God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love; the radiance of Christmas, which is purity.</p> <p>God grant you the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ.</p>
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<p>Friday</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>“I love this portrayal of the Nativity. Before the shepherds come rushing in jabbering about an angel choir, before ANYONE shows up with gifts, there's just Mary, exhausted from childbirth, and Joseph, overwhelmed by the task in front of him, and the baby - the baby that changes everything. The quiet beauty of THIS moment stirs my heart every time I look at it.</p>  <p>I love the pomp and fanfare of Christmas (and the chaos of family gatherings). I really do! But I cherish the quiet moments to stop and gaze at the baby. I too am exhausted and overwhelmed, and He still changes everything.”</p> <p>Origin and author unknown.</p>
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<p>Saturday</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>A New Year Call to Action and Reflection</p> <p>For a new year, an eco-biblical reflection leads to several actionable commitments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Lifestyle Audit: Reflect on personal choices and their environmental impact, such as consumption habits, energy use, and waste production. The new year offers a fresh start to adopt more sustainable practices, e.g., using reusable items, conserving water, and recycling. • Advocacy and Education: Commit to raising awareness within your community about environmental issues from a faith perspective. • Prayer and Contemplation: Incorporate prayers for the Earth and climate justice into personal and communal spiritual practices. Take time for "creation-focused" prayer walks to deepen appreciation for nature. • Practical Engagement: Participate in or organize hands-on environmental projects, such as community garden activities or clean-up events, as a tangible expression of faith. <p>By embracing these principles and actions, the new year can be a time of profound ecological conversion, bringing our lives and communities closer to the harmonious balance between Creator and creation that God intends.</p>
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Creator God, Source of all life and beauty, we pause at the threshold of this new year to offer thanks for the magnificent gift of our common home.</p> <p>We confess our negligence and the damage inflicted upon the Earth through our careless habits, consumerism, and indifference to future generations. The ice caps are melting, the rivers are running dry, and the land is struggling to renew. Forgive us for our exploitation and our failure to live as grateful guests rather than owners of your creation.</p> <p>As we await the new year, we pray for a change of heart and mind. Instil in us a proper reverence for all that you have made, from the smallest microscopic life form to the mightiest ocean.</p> <p>Grant us the wisdom to live simply and to walk lightly upon the Earth. Give us the courage to make decisions that honour the demands of charity and justice for all people and all creatures.</p> <p>Fill us with your Spirit that we may become instruments of a new creation, sowing beauty, not destruction.</p> <p>May our lives reflect a commitment to safeguarding the gift of life and restoring balance to the world we share.</p> <p>We ask this in the hope and knowledge that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom and giving you glory.</p> <p>Amen.</p>

<p>Monday</p>	<p>29</p>	 <p>Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>'But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.'</p> <p>Job 12:7-10</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>31</p>	 <p>Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning, but going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instil in us.</p> <p>May you enjoy a blessed 2026!</p>