



**THE THREE BENEFICES
CHURCH FAMILIES
PRAYER LINK**

November - December 2007

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel – which means, ‘God with us.’ Matthew Ch.1 v. 23

*Loving Father as we come into your presence may we know the deep illuminating power of your peace, that our thoughts may be on you and be filled with the knowledge of your love.
In your name please hear us.*

**The Lord is good, a refuge in time of trouble. He cares for those who trust him
Nahum v.7.**

*Father of all deepen our faith in you as we talk to you in prayer, as we are still before you, may we know with surety that we are being cared for by your loving presence. We pray for the world in which we live created by you, we give thanks because we know you are a Father of love and compassion.
Amen*

**The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk Ch.2 v.14.**

*Lord in the coming month we prepare for the celebration of your birth. May we look anew at our own lives. You are the greatest gift of all, help us in our daily lives to live rejoicing in the knowledge of your love and care for us, cleanse and heal us dear Lord and prepare us to witness in your name so the gift of your life may be known to all.
In your name we ask.*

**I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
Psalm 116 v.1.**

*Father of all we pray for a peaceful world where those in authority work together so all can live in peace. With you Lord all things are possible. Father we remember before you the victims of war, poverty and disasters. Thank you for your presence in all suffering, guide us to serve you and others prayerfully and practically.
In your name we ask.
Amen*

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me.

Psalm 13 vs. 5 and 6

Father of mercy and great compassionate love, we thank you for all the carers who devote themselves daily in providing care for those they love. We pray that they will have strength and wisdom to meet their needs, be with them when they are tired and weary, may they know the power of your presence.

In your name we ask.

Amen

The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life.

Psalm 121 v. 7

Teacher and Father of all knowledge we pray for the three churches in our Benefice, guide Jeremy, Peter and Stephen in their ministry. May we always look to you for guidance. Guide all members of the Parochial Church Councils in each parish when making decisions. Direct their thoughts when planning the services at Christmas to celebrate your birth. Help and guide the church families of the three parishes to work in unity to reach out to the surrounding communities so they may glorify your name. Amen

Therefore be clear minded and self controlled so you can pray.

1 Peter Ch.4 v. 7

Father we pray for each other as we read this prayer link, we remember couples starting married life, working parents and their children, grandparents, widows and widowers, those who have retired from working life, those who live alone and all those in residential or nursing homes, those who are ill in mind body or spirit. May your Holy presence unite us in your love.

Amen

Do not be afraid or discouraged for the battle is not yours but God's.

2 Chronicles Ch.20 v. 15

Gracious Father we praise you and thank you for your constant care knowing that you will meet all our needs according to your will because you know what is best for us.

Amen

Direct my footsteps according to thy word; let no sin rule over me.

Psalm 119 v. 133