

PRAYER CARD FOR JANUARY 2024:

As we enter the new year, we pray for the infrastructure network of our parish. From the parish office to the building committees, the ministry team to the churchwardens, may your blessing be upon them so that we can work together, appreciate our differences and support one another in order to ultimately fulfil our parish vision in our community and in our lives - to know Jesus and to make him known every day!

Prayer for the parish office:

Lord, we pray for all that work to serve you in the parish office. May your wisdom guide the wide range of tasks which they undertake on a daily basis, no matter how minor or crucial they may seem. We thank you for their dedication and commitment which helps to ensure the smooth running of our parish and our community.

Prayer for the building/gardening committees:

As we enter the height of winter, we are faced with many challenges from the sub-zero temperatures and unpredictable weather patterns. May you give your strength to those making decisions surrounding the maintenance and stability of the church buildings during this time, and ask for your guidance to ensure that our churches are places of warmth, calm, and shelter from the elements. We pray that they may spend funds wisely and use resources to their full capacity in order to diminish our impact on the environment whilst maintaining an inclusive environment for all.

Prayer for the churchwardens:

At the start of a new year, we pray that the churchwardens may be strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit to ensure the smooth running of our churches. May you guide them to handle each unique situation they come across with utmost sincerity and justness; and we ask that they may work in unity with each other and the rest of the parish so we can function together as one body of Christ to fulfil God's will on earth.

Prayer for the ministry team:

After the busy festive season, we pray that you may give our ministry team a source of rest and recuperation in order to renew their energy and enthusiasm going into the new year. We pray that they can be filled with the fruits of the spirit in order to continue to lead us with relevant and inspiring teaching that sustains an omnipresent sense of hope, purpose, peace and love in our parish.

Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Romans 12:12 ESV

12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

In Jesus name, Amen.