



A Prayer for December 22, 2020

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Dear Lord,

As the pandemic season keeps going, we are going to need extra grace and strength to keep ourselves going. So, we look to you today, Lord. If we must all be changed through this, let us be changed for the good. Help us to learn what we need to learn, and become what we need to become.

Keep our minds and our spirits strong during this time. When we are worn out, we are more at risk. Protect us, O Lord. When we are mentally tired, our decisions and actions are not the best. Sustain us with your mighty power. When stress is unrelenting, our physical and mental health suffers. Help us, and deliver us, O Lord. Bless us with strength to endure, and to thrive.

We especially pray for those who are ill and suffering, in our nation, and all over the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit to bring unusual grace, strength, healing, and comfort. We praise you for the vaccines being distributed this month! Please bless our efforts to distribute it to the world! May our prayers always be followed with acts of mercy and generosity. May our deeds for those in need...be deeds done unto you.

Our holidays will be very different. May they become what they were meant to be, not what we created them to be. Give us grace to accept those changes. Grant us wisdom in redefining our future. We fervently pray for the healing of our land. And as we approach this Holy Season, may the good news of our Savior ring clearly and deeply in our hearts, and bring us great joy.

Amen.