

THURSDAY 19th

Lord, give wisdom to all women who are leaders in business and in government. Help them to lead with integrity and be an example of You to others.

FRIDAY 20th

Father, we pray for all girls and young women who are struggling with discipline, the demands and the expectations of our society. May they know Your love and peace.

SATURDAY 21st

Merciful Father, we pray for women who may be suffering in secret. You know their hearts and what they are going through. Comfort them and give them strength and confidence to make them feel worthy.

SUNDAY 22nd

Dear Lord, on this special day, we give You thanks for mothers everywhere. We thank You for their tenderness, patience, love and care.

MEN

'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.' Ephesians 4:2-3

MONDAY 23rd

Heavenly Father, we lift up to You the men of our nation. Guide and direct them and help them to seek righteousness so that they are role models to the younger generation.

TUESDAY 24th

Father God, we pray for men around the world. May Your Holy Spirit reveal to them their value and their purpose. Help them in their daily lives to hunger and thirst for Your word.

WEDNESDAY 25th

Lord, give wisdom to all men who are leaders in business and in government. Help them to lead with integrity and be an example of You to others.

THURSDAY 26th

Loving Father, thank You for sending Jesus to come to us as a perfect example of a godly Man, a Man who demonstrated that godly living means to walk in spirit and truth in obedience to You, His Heavenly Father.

FRIDAY 27th

Father, we pray for all boys and young men who are struggling with discipline, the demands and the expectations of our society. May they know Your love and peace.

SATURDAY 28th

Heavenly Father, we pray for men everywhere who are on their own and struggling with the demands of daily living. Give them strength and confidence, we pray, to make them feel worthy.

SUNDAY 29th

Lord, we pray that whatever role men have in their lives, whether father, son, brother, uncle or husband, that they may discover and live out their God-given purpose, to pursue only the goals that will bring glory to You, our Saviour.

NEWNESS OF LIFE

'Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' Lamentations 3:22-23

MONDAY 30th

Creator God, we thank You for new life in our gardens, fields and in the wild. We rejoice in Your creation. Holy Spirit, come now into our hearts to give us new life with You.

TUESDAY 31st

Lord, we see the Creator's hand in the emerging of spring flowers, the lengthening of the days and new-born lambs in the fields. We thank You for new life. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise and our hearts to love.



MARCH Prayer Diary



'But in your hearts, revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.' 1 Peter 3:15

LENT cont...

'And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' Micah 6:8

SUNDAY 1st

God of mercy and source of justice, pour on Your people such love and compassion that we cannot remain silent, we cannot tolerate injustice and poverty. During Lent, as Your grace fills our hearts, may we be stirred into action to demonstrate Your love for all the world and for all creatures that live and move on this earth.

INNER CLEANSING

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' John 14:27

MONDAY 2nd

Father God, may Lent be a time of inward searching that makes us more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world.

TUESDAY 3rd

Forgive us Lord for our apathy, for our lack of courage to speak out. Forgive us when we walk past and don't offer help. Forgive us when we get it wrong.

WEDNESDAY 4th

Loving Father, we confess that we are afraid. We confess our hidden doubts and prejudices and our reluctance to be alongside those who are different from ourselves. We ask that You would lead us into action: give us strength to be a voice crying for justice and peace.

THURSDAY 5th

God of mercy and love let us serve You in our world. Let us not stand aside and tolerate lack of basic human resources, dehumanising practices, or the use of violence to disempower Your people. Give us strength to act and challenge hatred, and instead bring Your justice and mercy.

FRIDAY 6th

Merciful Father, in Your name we humbly ask that we may be a channel for Your peace and love. Forgive those things we have done which have caused You sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought You joy. Bring us back to You. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.

SATURDAY 7th

Lord, we confess we are not always eager to do Your will. We pray that You will help us to remember that the Holy Spirit can guide us in the right direction and strengthen our hearts. With a grateful heart, we acknowledge Your love and know that without You, we can do nothing.

SUNDAY 8th

Holy Spirit, when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond reproach, pleased with ourselves and self sufficient in our ways, remind us that for us You walked a road that took You to a cruel cross, and rose again to show us where we might look for rescue.

COMMUNITY

MONDAY 9th

Loving Father, we thank You for the social life of our villages and for all who organise the activities. May there always be inspiration, compassion, concern and joy in every activity.

TUESDAY 10th

Gracious Lord, we thank You for all those in our community who give their time helping others, following Your example. We especially think of those who visit people who are lonely or sick and for drivers who offer lifts to surgery or hospital.

WEDNESDAY 11th

Father God, help us in all our interactions with one another to have humble and gentle hearts. Grant us patience, bearing with one another in love.

THURSDAY 12th

Lord, enable our churches to do Your will. Make us outward looking; a community of peacemakers and bridge builders. Help us to pursue what makes for peace and for building one another up.

FRIDAY 13th

God of power and love, we pray for the safety of all pedestrians, cyclists, bikers and motorists who use the roads around our parishes. May they acknowledge and respect the beauty and peace of our country setting.

SATURDAY 14th

Father God, we want to strive to be a church that You want to bless. Help us to communicate such joy, such grace and such passion in our worship that we compel others to join the experience of praising You.

SUNDAY 15th

Loving Father, we pray for all members of our congregation that in their life and work they may advance Your kingdom and bear witness to Your love in their lives.

WOMEN

'The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?' Psalm 27:1

MONDAY 16th

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TUESDAY 17th

Father God, we pray for women around the world. May Your Holy Spirit reveal to them their value and their purpose. Help them in their daily lives to hunger and thirst for Your word.

WEDNESDAY 18th

Loving Father, we pray for women who must give birth in dangerous or squalid conditions and for women who are fearful because they do not have the resources to care for their children adequately.