

**Thursday 25th: Pray for the hungry & homeless**

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Friday 26th: Pray for the food banks & all who volunteer their help

Just when we think the well might run dry – God sends the rain. God will guide you always.

Saturday 27th: Pray for all who distribute to the needy

Work hard and cheerfully at all you do, just as though you were working for the Lord.

Colossians 3: 23



Don't forget to Spring Forward 1 hour on your clocks, phones etc.

**Sunday 28th: Pray for ourselves & loved ones****Palm Sunday**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

Monday 29th: Pray for the beauty of nature all around us

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Tuesday 30th: Praise & give thanks to God for all He does for us

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine. **John Newton**

Wednesday 31st: Pray for all who do not yet know God

Prayer is the deliberate and persevering action of the soul. It is true and enduring, and full of grace. Prayer fastens the soul to God and makes it one with God's will.

Julian of Norwich

The days are slowly lengthening filling your world with light. Keep us all from temptation as this Lent season draws to a close. Help us to prepare for your resurrection and the promise of new life. Help us to see new life all around us in as the spring season slowly emerges in your creation.

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us **Anselm (1109)**

Monday 1st: Pray for our Churches

Come, all who are thirsty says Jesus, our Lord, come, all who are weak, taste the living water that I shall give. Dip your hands in the stream, refresh body and soul, drink from it, depend on it, for this water will never run dry. Come, all who are thirsty says Jesus, our Lord.

Tuesday 2nd: Pray for our Clergy

Make the most of the opportunities God gives you to shine today.

Wednesday 3rd: Pray for our Church Services

Why should we pray? Because God listens. "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles." **Psalms 34: 17**

Thursday 4th: Pray for our Church Families

After spending 40 days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. The Devil came to Him and said "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread." But Jesus answered "The scripture says, Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks". **Matthew 4: 2-4.** The scripture says, Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him!. Then the Devil left Jesus. **Matthew 4: 10-11**

Friday 5th: Pray for our Friends & Neighbours

For each step that we might take be our guide, O Lord of life
For each load that we might bear be our strength, O Lord of life
For each mountain we might face be our power, O Lord of life
For each river that might impede be our safety, O Lord of life
For each place where we might rest be our peace, O Lord of life
For each sunrise and sunset be our joy, O Lord of life

Saturday 6th: Pray for all whom we know who are ill

We may grieve the loss of many things in this life. But, in our relationship with God, there is never loss – only gain.

Sunday 7th: Pray for all suffering from Covid 19

For what I have received may the Lord make me truly thankful. And more truly for what I have not received. **Margaret Jameson**

Monday 8th: Pray for all working in the NHS

Lord, may my heart give you praise whenever I see a cross, for You gave Yourself for me in love. Amen Christ gave His life on the tree for our salvation.

Tuesday 9th: Pray for all working in the Emergency Services

Be still, let the mind go free to rediscover lost and lovely things. Empty your hands and you will be filled with peace.

Wednesday 10th: Pray for all delivering the Covid vaccine

Perhaps when we feel battle weary, we just need to “sit this one out.” The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. **Exodus 14: 14**

Thursday 11th: Pray for our Government and for decisions they have to make

Praise the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God you are very great. **Psalms 104:1**

Friday 12th: Pray for our world

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, A heart to seek you, Wisdom to find you, Conduct pleasing to you, Faithful perseverance in waiting for you, And a hope of finally embracing you. -- **Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas**

Saturday 13th: Pray for peace around the world

We are in a race, not a parade, so let's run it to win. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:14**

Sunday 14th: Pray for our Mother Church and our Mothers for all they do

Mothering Sunday. Loving God, on this special day we thank you for mothers everywhere. We praise you our God, for Jesus, born of a woman, Mary his mother, and nurtured in her love. Guide and support all entrusted with the responsibility of motherhood. Amen

Monday 15th: Pray for the safety of our churches and churchyards

It is always a good day to be grateful for all of life - grateful for large blessings and small. Especially to be grateful for the symbolic blessings - the rainbows and butterflies that come into our lives when we least expect and most need them.

- **Jonathan Lockwood Huie**

Tuesday 16th: Pray for all who help in our churches

The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy you with all good things. **Isaiah 58: 11**

Wednesday 17th: Pray for all teachers and for our schools

St. Patrick of Ireland: Almighty God, who in your providence chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people: keep alive in us the fire of the faith he kindled and strengthen us in our pilgrimage towards the light of everlasting life.

Thursday 18th: Pray for all children and their safety

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.” — **Charles Dickens, Great Expectations**

Friday 19th: Pray for all care homes, residents & staff

Joseph of Nazareth: God our Father, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph the carpenter to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary: give us grace to follow him in faithful obedience to your commands.

Saturday 20th: Pray for all keyworkers

Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne: Almighty God, who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people: in your mercy, grant that we, following his example, may bring those who are lost home to your fold.

Sunday 21st: Pray for small businesses struggling at this time

Let Him have all your worries and cares, for He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you. **1 Peter 5: 7**

Monday 22nd: Pray for all those in Hospitality

Dear Lord, help me to believe that You are with me, even when I can't see You working in my life. - Faith-testing times can be faith-strengthening times.

Tuesday 23rd: Pray for all those who have died & all who mourn

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3: 16** – Christ has replaced the dark door of death with the shining gate of life.

Wednesday 24th: Pray for the lonely & depressed

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Amen