

Heavenly Father,

As we begin to think about our Lent journey,  
guide us to the path that leads to you.

Fill our hearts with gratitude, patience, strength,  
and peace as we strive to become the-best-  
version-of-ourselves,  
honestly admitting our shortcomings and sins.

As we renew our resolve each day to become  
better people, let us hear your voice in the  
deepest reaches of our hearts.

Give us rest in you.

Help us to accept others,  
showing them your great love instead of casting  
judgment.

Stay with us through the busy days.  
Remind us that when we need comfort,  
solitude, wisdom, or guidance,  
we can always turn to you.

Help us develop discipline and generosity and  
come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name we pray,

**Amen.**

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The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145:14

God of love  
hear the cry of those who yearn for love;  
fractured families, broken homes  
neglected, unwanted, alone.

God of love

**Hear our prayer**

God of justice  
hear the cry of those who yearn for justice;  
persecuted and oppressed,  
exploited, ill-treated, broken.

God of justice

**Hear our prayer**

God of peace  
hear the cry of those who yearn for peace;  
in battle zones and broken states,  
frightened, fearful, anxious

God of peace

**Hear our prayer**

God of healing  
hear the cry of those who yearn for healing;  
physical and spiritual  
hurting, weakened, depressed

God of healing

**Hear our prayer**

God of mercy  
Hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy;  
convicted, in need of your Grace,  
contrite, humble, bowed down,

God of mercy

**ALL: hear our prayer**

May you know the peace of God,  
the love of God, the justice of God,  
the healing and mercy of God,  
this day and all days

**Amen**

If you have any suggested items for inclusion in the  
April Prayer Diary, please pass these to  
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# Prayer Diary

March 2019



St Bartholomew's  
Church

The Lord, your God,  
is in your midst,  
a mighty savior,  
who will rejoice over you  
with gladness,  
and renew you in his love.

Zephaniah 3:17

**‘Even now,’ declares the Lord, ‘return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.’ Joel 2:12**

### **March 2019**

Let us pray

Frid 1<sup>st</sup>: for everyone joining the **World Day of Prayer** and particularly for our brethren in Slovenia.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>: for the **crisis in Venezuela**.

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>: for **Paul and Nicci and our Ministry Team** leading our church community forward.

Mon 4<sup>th</sup>: for **the children in our church**; for their **leaders in Sunday School**; for **Messy Church**.

Tues 5<sup>th</sup>: for **the government and all parties**; for a **coherent plan** for our country as Brexit approaches.

Wed 6<sup>th</sup>: for ourselves and our church community as **Lent begins**.

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Pound Close**.

Frid 8<sup>th</sup>: for women, particularly those in challenging circumstances on this **UN International Women’s Day**.

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>: for the work of **Street Pastors**, particularly those in Witney.

Sun 10<sup>th</sup>: for our **Christian brethren** living under the **threat of persecution**.

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>: for the work of **Open Doors** in countries where it is a criminal offense to be a Christian.

Tues 12<sup>th</sup>: for the **safe delivery of Bibles** to persecuted Christian; for the work of the **Bible Society**.

Wed 13<sup>th</sup>: for **Christians in prison** for their faith often on trumped up charges; for **their families**.

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>: for **those in training to preach and lead** in hostile countries.

Frid 15<sup>th</sup>: for **Christian families** living in fear of arrest or mob rule.

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>: for **political change, tolerance and understanding** in countries hostile to Christians.

Sun 17<sup>th</sup>: **let us thank God** for our safe and comfortable lives.

Mon 18<sup>th</sup>: for **peace in the Middle East**.

Tues 19<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Tristram Road**.

Wed 20<sup>th</sup>: for **those worried for the future**, their future employment and business.

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>: for **the elderly and housebound**.

Frid 22<sup>nd</sup>: for all the **new people** moving to our village; for **visitors** to our church.

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>: for the **people of the USA**; for sensible and compassionate government.

Sun 24<sup>th</sup>: for **Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin**.

Mon 25<sup>th</sup>: for new **Diocesan President of the Mothers’ Union, Maureen Weston** being commissioned today.

Tues 26<sup>th</sup>: for **the Queen, Prince Philip and the Royal family**.

Wed 27<sup>th</sup>: for **those dealing with depression or mental illness**.

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Bartholomew Close**.

Frid 29<sup>th</sup>: for ourselves and our country on this **Brexit Day**.

Sat 30<sup>th</sup>: **let us thank God for the Spring**.

Sun 31<sup>st</sup>: for our mothers as we celebrate their gifts to us on this **Mothers’ Day**.

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**I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for mercy.  
Because he turned his ear to,  
I will call on him as long as I live.**

**Psalm 116:1,2**