

Precious Father
Enable this church to do your will
Make it vulnerable
that it may speak with calm humility;
Make it outward looking
that it may care deeply;
Make it a community of peacemakers
and bridge builders.
In the midst of turbulence
let the church make space
for the hearing of your still small voice.

Amen

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Ever-loving and gracious God,
we thank you for the potential
for creativity, service and healing
that each new day brings.

We pray you will help us
to live every moment remembering
that we are part of a human family,
which reaches to the farthest corners
of the globe.

Holy Spirit, connect us, transform us,
reconcile us so that together,
we may celebrate and protect your creation
and defend the dignity and worth
of all God's children who draw life from it.

Amen

Generous God,

Thank you that you see me
and that you know me.
Help me to live with integrity;
may I be free from ulterior motives
and always authentic,
knowing who you created me to be.
May I not act to please other people
but to further your kingdom.

Amen

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God of glory,
When I am faced with my own helplessness,
let me fix my eyes on you alone.

When the road ahead is one
of injustice and inequality,
let me fix my eyes on you alone.

When my dreams are obscured
by doubt and insecurities,
let me fix my eyes on you alone.

When serving you feels like a hardship,
let me fix my eyes on you alone.

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour

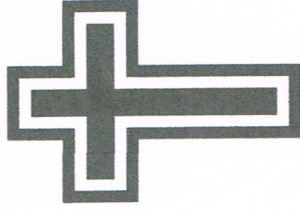
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April Prayer Diary, please pass these to Faith
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Prayer Diary

March 2017



St Bartholomew's
Church

Let today be the day
you give up
who you have been
for who you
can become.

My flesh and my heart may fail but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalms 73:26

March 2017

Let us pray

Wed 1st: for ourselves as **Lent begins** today.

Thurs 2nd: for the **children's work** in the church and those who lead it in our church.

Frid 3rd: for God's blessing on the **Women's World Day of Prayer** today.

Sat 4th: for the **Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby** following the vote against gay marriage.

Sun 5th: for **Theo Baldwin and his family** as Theo is baptised today.

Mon 6th: for **Theresa May and the government** as we approach Brexit.

Tues 7th: for the **recently redundant** and the **unemployed**.

Wed 8th: for a more equal world in this **International Women's Day**.

Thurs 9th: for the continued outreach of the **5C's café** this morning.

Frid 10th: for people facing or undergoing **cancer treatment and chemotherapy**.

Sat 11th: for the **Street Pastors** particularly those from our church community.

Sun 12th: for **Louise Morris and Stuart Riding** as they are married today.

Mon 13th: for the **work of the Bible Society** bringing fellowship and bibles to our Christian Brethren worldwide.

Tues 14th: for the **young families** who are part of our church family.

Wed 15th: for the **future of the Witney area** to be discussed at the meeting tonight and the development of a **Witney Neighbourhood Plan**.

Thurs 16th: for the **elderly and lonely**.

Frid 17th: for the **people of Northern Ireland**; for peace on this St Patrick's Day.

Sat 18th: for **Christians** living in countries where **persecution and fear** are a way of life.

Sun 19th: for **Paul and Nicci** and our **ministry team**.

Mon 20th: for the **work of Open Doors** giving support and help to our persecuted brethren.

Tues 21st: for an end to racial discrimination on this **International Day for the Elimination of Racial discrimination**.

Wed 22nd: for **President Trump** and the people of the USA.

Thurs 23rd: for members and work of the **Mother's Union** in our church community attending a special service today.

Frid 24th: for our **church finances**; may God inspire us in our giving.

Sat 25th: for everyone attending the **CTiW Prayer breakfast** this morning.

Sun 26th: for families on this **Mothering Sunday**.

Mon 27th: for those folk suffering from **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder**.

Tues 28th: for **our returned servicemen** and women; those still recovering from injuries.

Wed 29th: for people suffering from **mental illness or depression**, particularly those known to us in our church.

Thurs 30th: for the **Queen and the royal family**.

Frid 31st: for our **children and young people** as the school holidays approach.

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Preferring nothing to you,
O Christ,

let us hold fast to your love,
embrace your cross and honour your
name.

Let conviction mark our speech,
courage our life and patience our faith;
for your own name's sake.

Amen.

Cyprian of Carthage (c. 200-258)