

God of gentleness and love  
Draw near to us as we draw near to you  
Dwell in every heart and conversation  
Fashion us in the likeness  
of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us to discern who you are calling us to be  
And all that you are calling us to do.  
Assist us, by your Spirit, to become a more  
contemplative, more compassionate and more  
courageous Church  
For the building of your kingdom  
and the glory of your son.

**Amen**

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your  
love in the world in spite of human failure.  
Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite  
of our ignorance and weakness.  
Give us the knowledge that we may continue to  
pray with understanding hearts.  
And show us what each one of us can do to set  
forward the coming of the day of universal peace.

**Amen.**

(Frank Borman, Apollo 8 space mission, 1968)

Heavenly Father  
May each of us do unto others  
as we would have others do to us,  
helping the poor, the sad and the hungry; trusting  
in You as we go and believing in the one  
who has taken the Ultimate Journey for us,  
Your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray,

**Amen**

Oh God, enlighten my mind with truth;  
in flame my heart with love;  
inspire my will with courage;  
enrich my life with service.

Pardon what I have been; sanctify what I am;  
order what I shall be and thine shall be the glory  
and mine the eternal salvation  
through Jesus Christ my Lord.

**Amen**

And I said to the man  
who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light  
that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand  
into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light and safer  
than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,  
trod gladly into the night.

**Minnie Louise Haskins**

Expect to have hope rekindled.  
Expect your prayers to be answered in wondrous  
ways. The dry season does not last and the  
spring rains will come.

**Sarah Ban Breathnach**

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

**January 2020**



*St Bartholomew's  
Church*

“For I know the plans  
I have for you,”  
declares the Lord,  
“Plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope  
and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15:13**

## January 2020

Let us pray

Wed 1<sup>st</sup>: for this **New Year** and what it holds for us as Christians.

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>: for the **Queen** and all the **Royal Family**.

Frid 3<sup>rd</sup>: for **Australia** as its people struggle with the many fires; for rain.

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Mill Meadow** in Ducklington.

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>: for our **fellow Christians** in the **persecuted church** throughout the world.

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>: for ourselves as we put Christmas away, **remember the gifts of the three kings** and **move forward with Christ into 2020**.

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>: for our **children and young people** returning to school and university.

Wed 8<sup>th</sup>: for everyone attending the **monthly mid-week service** today.

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>: for **our vision for using our church building** in the future for our congregation and the wider community.

Frid 10<sup>th</sup>: for **the elderly and lonely** especially those in our own church community.

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>: for the **Street Pastor movement** in particular those members from our church.

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>: for **Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin** leading so many Christians in the world.

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: for the members of the **Pastoral Team** and all those they look after.

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>: for a solution to the **rise in racism** and **extreme right-wing organisations** in our country.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>: for the **Civil Rights Movement** in USA as we celebrate the life of **Martin Luther King** born today in 1929.

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>: for **the homeless and rough sleepers** this winter; for the organisations who try to help.

Frid 17<sup>th</sup>: for the work of **Centre Point** helping young homeless people.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>: for **those with Alzheimer's or dementia**, their families and carers.

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>: for **Paul and Nicci, Dave and Ian** as they lead our church family.

Mon 20<sup>th</sup>: for those suffering from **stress or depression or any mental illness**.

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>: for the **unemployed** and those in **financial difficulties**.

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>: for our **bell ringers** practising today.

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>: for the **PCC meeting** this evening.

Frid 24<sup>th</sup>: for an end to **people trafficking and slavery** across the world.

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>: for **Churches Together in Witney** and the prayer breakfast today.

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>: for the **Children's work** in our church, for the **leaders and helpers**.

Mon 27<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Fritillary Mews** in Ducklington.

Tues 28<sup>th</sup>: for the work of the **Food Banks** in our towns and cities; for those who need their help. Let us remember to donate.

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>: for the **Prime Minister** and the government as they try to get on with Brexit.

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>: for young people committed to caring for their loved ones on this **Young Carers Awareness Day**.

Frid 31<sup>st</sup>: for all the **new people moving to our village**; for visitors to our church.

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Remember us, O God;  
from age to age be our comforter.  
You have given us the wonder of time,  
blessings in days and nights,  
seasons and years.  
Bless your children at the turning of the year  
and fill the months ahead  
with the bright hope  
that is ours in the coming of Christ.

**Amen**