

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)

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.

Amen

Dear God,
you have brought me
to the beginning of a new day.
I ask you to renew my heart
with your strength and purpose.
Forgive my errors of yesterday
and help me to walk closer in your way today.
Shine through me so that every person I meet
may feel your presence in my soul.
Take my hand for I cannot make it by myself.
Through Jesus Christ my Lord

Amen

God is our refuge in times of trouble,
keeping our feet steady upon the road,
watching over us and keeping us from harm.

God is our fortress in times of distress,
circling us in the safety of his arms,
granting peace when our lives are not at ease.

God is our Father who knows us so well,
wanting only the best for his children,
willing always to forgive and forget.

Where does our help come from?

Our help comes from the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth!

Hallelujah!

Amen

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

February 2020



*St Bartholomew's
Church*

Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed,
for I am your God;
I will strengthen you,
I will help you,
I will uphold you
with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

February 2020

Let us pray

Sat 1st: for **our country** as we begin a new era outside the European Union.

Sun 2nd: for **Paul and Nicci, Dave, Ian and Mary** as they lead our church family.

Mon 3rd: for families and friends **battling with cancer**.

Tues 4th: for everyone living in **Feilden Close** in Ducklington.

Wed 5th: for the **Pastoral Team** in our church and those they visit and support.

Thurs 6th: for the **elderly and housebound** particularly during this cold and depressing month.

Frid 7th: for the **people of Australia** still battling bush fires; for their loss of loved ones and property.

Sat 8th: for those affected by the new **Coronavirus** spreading across China and into the world.

Sun 9th: for **Bishop Steven** leading our diocese and especially **Bishop Colin** as he approaches retirement.

Mon 10th: for the **homeless and rough sleepers**; for the charities who provide help.

Tues 11th: for the **work of the Mothers' Union** both worldwide and here in Ducklington as the members meet today.

Wed 12th: for the monthly midweek **communion service** today.

Thurs 13th: for the **people of the USA** as they begin the race for the new president.

Frid 14th: for **our school children** as half term begins.

Sat 15th: for the **Street Pastors in Witney**, in particular those members from our church.

Sun 16th: for **our work and witness at St Bartholomew's** as Christians in our village.

Mon 17th: for those affected by **mental illness** or suffering from **anxiety or stress**.

Tues 18th: for everyone living in **Lovell Close** in Ducklington

Wed 19th: for people living with **dementia or Alzheimer's disease**.

Thurs 20th: for **Witney and the surrounding villages** as folk gather to pray at 20.20.

Frid 21st: for the work of **Open Doors and The Bible Society** supporting Christians supporting Christians across the world.

Sat 22nd: for **Churches Together in Witney** and the prayer breakfast today.

Sun 23rd: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world.

Mon 24th: for the **Fairtrade Movement** as Fairtrade Fortnight begins today.

Tues 25th: for the work of **The Filling Station** and its message.

Wed 26th: for **ourselves as Lent begins** today; for the service tonight.

Thurs 27th: for everyone living in **Peel Close** in Ducklington.

Frid 28th: for our **Christian Brethren** living in **North Korea**; for those in prison for their Faith.

Sat 29th: for **Christians in Israel**, standing between Jews and Muslims.

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Blessed are you when you look at the grey of the sky and see angels.

Blessed be the bare trees, the hoarfrost, the clouds of our breath in the air.

Blessed be the blue skies when they come. Blessed be the sun, and the stars.

Blessed be the winter. Blessed be the world. May peace reign.

Amen