

Dear Lord

Forgive us for our apathy,
for our lack of courage to speak out.
Forgive us when we walk past and don't offer
help. Forgive us when we get it wrong.

We confess that we are afraid -
we don't want to overcome our hidden doubts
and prejudices in order to be alongside those
who are different from ourselves.

We ask that you would lead us into action:
give us strength to be a voice
crying for justice and peace.

Help us to step into another person's shoes,
or if they have no shoes
then not to be afraid to take off our own,
peel off our preconceptions and assumptions,
uncurl and spread out our toes,
and tread in their footprints.

May we be a liberating presence
and offer love,

compassion and whatever is needed to act justly,
love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Amen

Sovereign Lord, your hand has touched
the dry bones of our faith,
your Word has breathed
new life where there was death,
your spirit raised us up from where we lay,
your love has brought us home and to your Cross,
and by your grace we stand forgiven, free.

Hallelujah!

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

I want to know Christ — yes, to know the power
of his resurrection and participation in his
sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and
so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from
the dead. **Philippians 3:10-11**

But if a wicked person turns away from all the
sins they have committed and keeps all my
decrees and does what is just and right, that
person will surely live; they will not die.

Ezekiel 18:21

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

March 2020



*St Bartholomew's
Church*

Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious
and compassionate,
slow to anger
and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending
calamity.

Joel 2:13

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

March 2020

Let us pray

Sun 1st: for **Paul and Nicci, Dave, Ian and Mary** as they lead our church family.

Mon 2nd: for **the Church in North Korea** where being a Christian is a criminal offence.

Tues 3rd: for everyone living on **Witney Road** in Ducklington.

Wed 4th: for our world fearing the spread of the **Coronavirus** across the world.

Thurs 5th: for the family of **Graham Sawyer** whose funeral is tomorrow.

Frid 6th: for the **World Day of Prayer** today; Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Sat 7th: for **Trade Justice and Fairtrade fortnight**; for the coffee morning today.

Sun 8th: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world.

Mon 9th: for the **House Group** meeting this evening.

Tues 10th: for the **work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world** and the Ducklington branch in particular today.

Wed 11th: for the **monthly midweek communion service** today.

Thurs 12th: for the work of **Open Doors** and the **Bible Society** spreading the Gospel in countries hostile to Christ.

Frid 13th: for everyone attending **Lent lunches** today and throughout Lent.

Sat 14th: for the **Pastoral Team** in our church and those they visit and support.

Sun 15th: for **Nicolas Okoh, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Nigeria**.

Mon 16th: for **Christians in Nigeria** particularly in the north facing persecution by Boko Haram.

Tues 17th: for **victims of kidnap and murder** in Nigeria since Boko Haram started its campaign.

Wed 18th: for **people trying to rebuild their lives** after escaping Boko Haram.

Thurs 19th: for **tensions on a local level** where Muslim and Christians live in the same areas.

Frid 20th: for our area as **Witney Christians** gather to **pray for our town and villages** tonight.

Sat 21st: for the **Street Pastors in Witney**, in particular those members from our church.

Sun 22nd: for **Bishop Steven** leading our diocese and especially **Bishop Colin** as he approaches retirement.

Mon 23rd: for everyone living on **Dale Walk** in Ducklington.

Tues 24th: for **Christians in the Middle East** persecuted by Muslim communities.

Wed 25th: particularly for **Christians in Libya**, the 4th most hostile country to be a follower of Jesus.

Thurs 26th: for the **2,983 Christians killed** for their faith last year.

Frid 27th: for everyone living on **Moors Close** in Ducklington.

Sat 28th: for **Churches Together in Witney** and the prayer breakfast today.

Sun 29th: for the **260 million Christians** experiencing high levels of persecution.

Mon 30th: for the **3,711 believers detained** without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned last year.

Tues 31st: for ourselves and **the freedom we enjoy to worship**.

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For now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12