

6 reasons to trust in God:

1. He knows you by name. Isaiah 43:1
2. He will fight for you. Exodus 14:14
3. He thinks about you. Psalms 139:17
4. He has plans for you. Jeremiah 29:11
5. He is your refuge. Psalms 62:6-8
6. He is always with you. Matthew 28:20

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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)

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Lord Christ,

you came into the world as one of us,  
and suffered as we do.

As I go through the trials of life,  
help me to realize that you are with me  
at all times and in all things;  
that I have no secrets from you;  
and that your loving grace enfolds me  
for eternity.

In the security of your embrace I pray.

**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  
Faith Truran by 20<sup>th</sup> February.

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# Prayer Diary

**February 2021**



*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 2021

Let us pray

Mon 1<sup>st</sup>: for people living with **dementia or Alzheimer's disease**.

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>: for those affected by **mental illness** or suffering from **anxiety or stress**.

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>: for families and friends **battling with cancer**.

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Beanhill Close** in Ducklington.

Frid 5<sup>th</sup>: for the **Pastoral Team** in our church and those they visit and support.

Sat 6<sup>th</sup>: for the **elderly and isolated**, particularly during this cold and depressing month.

Sun 7<sup>th</sup>: for **Paul and Nicci, Dave and Ian** as they lead our church family.

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>: for parents and children wrestling with **home schooling**.

Tues 9<sup>th</sup>: for **teaching staff** providing lessons at school and online.

Wed 10<sup>th</sup>: for **the bereaved** especially the families unable to say goodbye.

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>: for our **exhausted NHS staff** across the health service.

Frid 12<sup>th</sup>: for **chaplains** bringing the comfort of the Gospel in hospitals.

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>: for **the government** trying to get the country out of lockdown.

Sun 14<sup>th</sup>: for greater love of our 'neighbours' on this **Valentine's Day**.

Mon 15<sup>th</sup>: for **children in poverty** and their families as half term begins.

Tues 16<sup>th</sup>: for folks facing **financial difficulties** through unemployment and redundancy.

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>: for our journey together through **Lent** beginning today.

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Beanhill Road** in Ducklington

Frid 19<sup>th</sup>: for the **homeless and rough sleepers**; for the charities who provide help.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>: for **refugees and migrants** still living in camps; for the aid agencies trying to bring relief.

Sun 21<sup>st</sup>: for **our work and witness at St Bartholomew's** as Christians in our village during this time of Covid-19.

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>: for the **Fairtrade movement** as Fairtrade Fortnight begins; dealing with climate change and Covid.

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world.

Wed 24<sup>th</sup>: for all those **couples** who have had weddings cancelled or who are struggling through this difficult time.

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>: for the **people of the USA** and their new **President Biden**.

Frid 26<sup>th</sup>: for **the Queen** and the royal family.

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Chalcroft Close** in Ducklington.

Sun 28<sup>th</sup>: for **Bishops Steven and Gavin** leading our diocese.

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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**