

Create a clean heart in me, O God:
a humble heart, a meek heart,
a peaceful heart, a benevolent heart,
a devout heart which does evil to no one,
which does not repay evil for evil,
but overcomes evil with good,
which loves you above all things,
thinks always about you,
speaks about you,
gives you thanks,
and has its citizenship in heaven.

Amen

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Heavenly Father
you are guiding us through
the difficult days of Lent,
encouraging us along the way.
We pray as we move towards the darkest day,
that you will not forsake us
but remind us of our Saviour's ultimate gift
and promise of new, abundant, eternal life
for all who believe and trust in him,
your precious son,
Jesus.

Amen

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God, heavenly Father,
look upon me and hear my prayer
during this holy Season of Lent.
By the good works You inspire,
help me to discipline my body
and to be renewed in spirit.

Amen

Dear God,

In this season of Lent, we are reminded of
our own difficulties and struggles.

The way seems too dark.

We feel like our lives have been marked
by grief and pain.

We don't see how our circumstance can change.

But in the midst of our weakness,
we ask that you would be strong on our behalf.

Lord, rise up within us,
let your Spirit shine out of us.

Allow your power to be manifest through our
own weakness, so that others will recognize it is
You who is at work on our behalf.

We ask that you trade the ashes of our lives for
the beauty of your Presence.

Trade our mourning and grief for joy and
gladness from your Spirit.

Trade our despair for hope and praise.

We give you thanks today and believe that this
season of darkness will fade away.

Thank you that you are with us in whatever we
face and that you are greater than this trial.

We thank you for the victory that is ours
because of Christ Jesus;

we believe that you have good in store
for our future.

We thank you that you are at work
right now in us.

We praise you,
for you make all things new.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

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

March 2021



*St Bartholomew's
Church*

**The Lord is good
to those whose hope
is in him,
to the one who seeks him.**

Lamentations 3:25

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?
Psalm 44:2

March 2021

Let us pray

Mon 1st: for the **homeless and refugees**; for a solution to their plight.

Tues 2nd: for the work of the **food banks**; for generous donations; for those who need to use them.

Wed 3rd: for those experiencing **financial difficulties** from unemployment, divorce or illness.

Thurs 4th: for those experiencing **mental health problems**; for their families.

Frid 5th: for your blessing today on this **Women's World Day of Prayer**.

Sat 6th: for our **own spiritual journeys** as we continue through Lent.

Sun 7th: for **Bishops Steven and Gavin** leading our diocese.

Mon 8th: for **our children** returning to school today.

Tues 9th: for **teaching staff** providing lessons at school and online.

Wed 10th: for a fair and proper outcome **for exam results** in schools this year.

Thurs 11th: for the **children's work** in our church community; for outreach post lockdown.

Frid 12th: for **young people** who have little hope of getting a job.

Sat 13th: for **our mothers**; both alive and lovingly remembered tomorrow.

Sun 14th: for **Paul and Nicci, Dave and Ian** as they lead our church family.

Mon 15th: for everyone living on **Witney Road** in Ducklington.

Tues 16th: for the **lonely and isolated** in our church community.

Wed 17th: for those suffering with **Dementia or Parkinson** related illness, for their families and carers.

Thurs 18th: for **families bereaved during the pandemic**; for the pain of not being able to say goodbye; for healing.

Frid 19th: for **NHS staff** in hospitals.

Sat 20th: for the **rollout of the vaccine**.

Sun 21st: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world.

Mon 22nd: for **Christians in North Korea** living in fear of torture and death.

Tues 23rd: for **Christians in Africa** particularly Nigeria and its neighbours where Boko Haram operates.

Wed 24th: for **Christians in China** where folk are flocking to Jesus in spite of the communist party ban.

Thurs 25th: for **Christians in Pakistan** where they face extreme persecution in every area of their lives.

Frid 26th: for **Christians in Afghanistan** suffering under Islamic oppression.

Sat 27th: for the work of **Open Doors** and the **Bible Society** supporting Christians living under threat.

Sun 28th: for ourselves on this **Palm Sunday** as Holy Week begins.

Mon 29th: for everyone living on **Curbridge Road** in Ducklington.

Tues 30th: for our world as we battle with **Climate Change**.

Wed 31st: let us thank God for the **Spring and all his bounty**.

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Father of love,
may we use your strength
to spread the love of Christ
to the poor and those in need,
and to remain always grateful to your son
who laid down his life for us,
for Jesus is our Lord now and forever
Amen