

Dear God, you have brought us
to the beginning of a new day.
We ask you to renew our hearts
with your strength and purpose.
Forgive our errors of yesterday
and help us to walk closer in your way today.
Shine through us so that every person we meet
may feel your presence through us.

Take our hands
for we cannot make it by ourselves.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

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

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

In the security of your embrace we pray.

Amen.

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Most High, Glorious God,
enlighten the shadows of my heart
and grant unto me a right faith,
a certain hope,
and perfect charity, sense and understanding,
Lord, so that I may accomplish
Thy holy and true command. **Amen**

St. Francis of Assisi

Lord God,
You loved this world so much,
that you gave your one and only Son,
that we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and
grace of Easter Sunday, everyday.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness
for your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace
and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace
and tell your good news to the world.

All for your glory do we pray, Lord,

Amen.

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

April 2022



St Bartholomew's
Church

If you declare with your mouth,
"Jesus is Lord,"
and believe in your heart
that God raised him
from the dead,
you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

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

April 2022

Let us pray

Frid 1st: for the **Lent lunch** today at the Nichols' home.

Sat 2nd: for Muslims as **Ramadan** begins; for religious tolerance.

Sun 3rd: for the **Christians in the Middle East** especially during Ramadan.

Mon 4th: for the **People of the Ukraine** suffering untold horrors in the war with Russia.

Tues 5th: for **Vladimir Putin**; for restraint; for a peaceful way forward.

Wed 6th: for **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe** and her family as she adjusts to her life at home.

Thurs 7th: for the conservationist **Morad Tahbaz** who did not make it home and is back in prison in Iran.

Frid 8th: for the **Lent lunch** today at the Watson's home.

Sat 9th: for everyone living in **Starnham Road** in Ducklington.

Sun 10th: for ourselves as we celebrate Christ's triumphal entry on this **Palm Sunday** and Holy week begins.

Mon 11th: for **Stephanie Gammon and Henry Bew** as they are married today.

Tues 12th: for **chaplains** bringing the comfort of the Gospel in hospitals.

Wed 13th: for families and friends **battling with cancer**.

Thurs 14th: for the **Tenebrae service** tonight Maundy Thursday today.

Frid 15th: for ourselves as we remember **Christ's death on the cross** for us.

Sat 16th: for **Andrea** as she prepares to become **our new Rector**.

Sun 17th: **Alleluia!** Christ is risen today!

Mon 18th: for **Christians unable to celebrate** the joy of Easter openly.

Tues 19th: for the work of the **Food Bank**; for those who need to use it.

Wed 20th: for **children in poverty** and their families during the Easter holidays.

Thurs 21st: for the **government** as soaring cost of living causes suffering amongst the **poorest**.

Frid 22nd: for a **new PCC secretary and church warden**.

Sat 23rd: for our **Fritillary Celebrations** tomorrow.

Sun 24th: for **Dave, Ian, Mary and Johan** as they lead our church family.

Mon 25th: for all in our **church community** who work for our wellbeing.

Tues 26th: for **the Queen** and the royal family.

Wed 27th: for everyone living in **Sealham Road** in Ducklington.

Thurs 28th: for people suffering from **mental problems or stress**.

Frid 29th: for those who have **recently lost loved ones**.

Sat 30th: for those **caring for and supporting** their loved ones through illness.

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May the raindrops
fall lightly on your brow,
May the soft winds
freshen your spirit,
May the sunshine
brighten your heart,
May the burdens of the day
rest lightly upon you,
And may God enfold you
in His mantle of love.

An Irish Blessing