

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,
delights in hymns and spiritual songs,
and has its citizenship in heaven.

Amen

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God of reconciliation and grace,
you promise us a world where all is new,
where love is born when hope is gone,
where broken relationships
are restored to wholeness.

May we live as people
who know your story of love,
and may we have the vision
to imagine what could be possible
if we dared to live this story.

God of abundant life,
may we be witnesses of love,
hope and peace,
and co-creators of your life in the world.

Amen

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So submit yourselves to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Draw near to God,
and he will draw near to you. **James 4:7-8**

Lord God Almighty,
shaper and ruler of all creatures,
we pray for your great mercy,
that you guide us towards you,
for we cannot find our way.
Guide us to your will,
for we cannot do it ourselves.
Make our mind steadfast in your will and aware
of our soul's need.
Strengthen us against
the temptations of the devil,
and remove from us all lust and every
unrighteousness.

Shield us against our foes, seen and unseen.
Teach us to do your will,
that we may inwardly love you
before all things with a pure mind.

For you are our maker and our redeemer,
our help, our comfort, our trust, our hope;
praise and glory be to you now and forever.

Amen

Lord God, heavenly Father,
you know that we are set in the midst of so
many and great dangers, that by reason of the
frailty of our nature we cannot always stand
upright: Grant us such strength and protection,
to support us in all danger, and carry us through
all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

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 2023



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

Lamentations 3:25

But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice and wait for your God always

Hosea 12:6

February 2023

Let us pray

Wed 1st: for **Mr Putin** and the Russian people; for restraint in their fight with Ukraine.

Thurs 2nd: for **refugees across the world** and the aid agencies trying to help.

Frid 3rd: for the **Asylum Seekers** living amongst us and our response to them.

Sat 4th: for **George Greening and Betsy Plumb** as their Banns are read tomorrow in preparation for their marriage.

Sun 5th: for the **children's work and its leaders** in our village and church.

Mon 6th: for **families in difficulties** with finances or relationships.

Tues 7th: for everyone living in **Fritillary Mews** in Ducklington.

Wed 8th: for the work of the **Pastoral Team**.

Thurs 9th: for the **elderly and housebound members** of our church community.

Frid 10th: for **children and young people** as half term starts.

Sat 11th: for people who suffer with **Autism**; for their families and teachers.

Sun 12th: for our **ministry team**: Andrea, Mary Carney, Dave and Johan and our **wardens**: Gill and Martin.

Mon 13th: for our **Ministers and MP's** that they might govern with compassion and wisdom.

Tues 14th: for the work of the **Food Bank** and **The Fridge** in Witney; for those who need to use it.

Wed 15th: for **homeless people** in our country and the charities who try to help them particularly in the winter months.

Thurs 16th: for the **unemployed**; for those who feel hopeless about the future.

Frid 17th: for those battling with **Alzheimer's** and their families and carers.

Sat 18th: for those **recently bereaved**.

Sun 19th: for the **Church of England** as it continues to explore its response to issues of **human sexuality**

Mon 20th: for those who feel **discriminated against or marginalised**.

Tues 21st: for everyone living on **Mill Meadow** in Ducklington.

Wed 22nd: for ourselves as our **Lent journey** begins today.

Thurs 23rd: for the **long-term unemployed**.

Frid 24th: for those suffering with **mental health issues**; may we be sensitive to their needs.

Sat 25th: for the work of **Open Doors** and **The Bible Society** supporting Christians across the world.

Sun 26th: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world; let us thank God for our freedoms.

Mon 27th: for **Christians in sub-Saharan Africa** as a recent wave of violence leaves death and destruction in its wake.

Tues 28th: for **women in Afghanistan** living under the Taliban regime.

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This is my prayer to thee, my Lord;
Give me strength lightly to
bear my joys and sorrows;
Give me the strength to
make my love fruitful in service;
Give me the strength never to disown the
poor or bend my knees before
insolent might.
Give me the strength to
raise my mind high above daily trifles.
And give me the strength to surrender my
strength to thy will with love.

Rabindranath Tagore 1861 – 1941
