

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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Dear Lord

I come before you

and ask for your strength within me.

A strength not of the world but of your kingdom.

To refrain from judgement and feast on love.

To push out greed and hold tight to joy.

To dispel pride and rise with humility.

To quell anger and rest in self-control.

To shun greed and rest in giving.

To turn from power and embrace service.

To let go of resentment and rest in peace.

To push through fear and walk forward in grace.

To run with faith, soar with forgiveness

and allow your eternal strength

to abide with me.

Amen

And I said to the man
who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light
that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:
"Go out into the darkness and
put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light
and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night.

Minnie Haskins

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Heavenly Father

You are the source of all hope
and the light that shines in the darkness.

Fill my heart with hope,

Lord, and help me trust in Your plan,
even when I cannot see the way.

Renew my faith and grant me the strength
to persevere through the challenges I face.

In the name of Jesus, I pray.

Amen

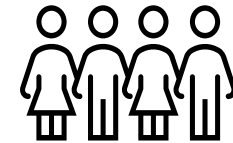
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the February prayer diary, please pass these to
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St Bartholomew's Church
Ducklington

Prayer Diary

January 2024



But the Lord is the one who is
marching before you!
He is the one who will be with you!
He won't let you down.
He won't abandon you.
So don't be afraid or scared!

Deuteronomy 31:8

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. **Psalm 31:24**

January 2024

Let us pray

Mon 1st: for **the new year ahead** of us; for God's blessing on us and our work.

Tues 2nd: for **the homeless** – especially this winter; for the organisations who try to help.

Wed 3rd: for **our children** returning to school; those facing mock exams.

Thurs 4th: for those joining together at **Warm Welcome Space** today.

Frid 5th: for **those facing a dementia diagnosis**; for their families.

Sat 6th: we celebrate **The Epiphany** or the manifestation of Christ's divinity through the visit of the Magi.

Sun 7th: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world; let us thank God for our freedoms.

Mon 8th: for the work of **Open Doors** and **The Bible Society** supporting Christians across the world.

Tues 9th: for **the war in Ukraine**; for the wounded, the homeless, the terrified.

Wed 10th: for **the war in Gaza**; for mercy, restraint and forgiveness.

Thurs 11th: for the friends and family of **Jan Strange** as they celebrate her life today.

Frid 12th: for the **asylum seekers** living at the hotel; for their families.

Sat 13th: for **the remining hostages** held in Gaza.

Sun 14th: for our **ministry team**: Andrea, Dave, Johan, Roy and Mary.

Mon 15th: for our **Church Wardens: Gill and Martin**.

Tues 16th: for everyone living on **Lovell Close** in Ducklington.

Wed 17th: for the work of the **Pastoral Team**.

Thurs 18th: for the **lonely and housebound**.

Frid 19th: for **those who have lost loved ones** recently.

Sat 20th: for those **struggling financially**; for the work of the **Food Bank**.

Sun 21st: for the state of the **Christian Church** and its leaders, across the world.

Mon 22nd: for people **living with alcohol or drug abuse**.

Tues 23rd: for **people living with domestic abuse**; for their families and the organisations trying to help.

Wed 24th: for everyone living on **Feilden Close** in Ducklington.

Thurs 25th: for the **Creations Group** meeting today.

Frid 26th: for the work of **Churches Together in Witney** as they meet for breakfast tomorrow.

Sat 27th: for **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** today honouring and remembering the millions of people who were murdered by the Nazi government.

Sun 28th: for our **Christian response** to the evil and persecution in our world.

Mon 29th: for those **people living in modern slavery**; for more awareness and government action.

Tues 30th: for **our own government**; for compassion and more awareness of need.

Wed 31st: for everyone living on **Peel Close** in Ducklington.

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Consult not your fears,
but your hopes and your dreams.
Think not about your frustrations,
but about your unfulfilled potential.
Concern yourself not with what you tried
and failed in,
but what it is still possible for you to do.

Pope John XXIII