

# Lent Prayer

## Lent Daily Prayer Points

### **17 February 2021 Endings**

We all recognise that we go through seasons in life. That there are patterns of life that we have adopted that need to stop;

- Pray about what needs to end in the current season of life
- Pray for those who are struggling with a 'new season'
- Pray for strength to deal with endings in this Lent season

### **18 February 2021 Beginnings**

Facing something new or beginning to do something new is always daunting. Let us pray into the start of new things;

- Prayer for those dealing with 'new' things in this season
- Strength to sustain the beginnings especially in 'taking up' in Lent
- Prayer for new beginnings of service and ministry

### **19 February 2021 Love**

- For a renewed love of Jesus Christ
- Giving thanks for the gift of love (marriage, family, friendship)
- Praying for love that is faithful and kind

### **20 February 2021 Myanmar (formerly known as Burma)**

- Pray for justice as there has been a coup.
- Pray for the release of democratically elected Aung San Suu Kyi who has been detained by the military.
- For peace in the country

### **21 February 2021 Children's & Families Work**

- For Jo Birkby: strength and inspiration as she continues to minister to families.
- The online work continues to minister to families in our community
- For connection with families within the community to stay strong even though Covid has meant we cannot meet as previous.
- For the new young parent's support group that has been started; that it will grow and that Caroline will be encouraged and inspired as she leads this.

### **22 February 2021 Churches in Knaphill (Baptist, Catholic Church, Methodist)**

- For the new ministers at the Baptist Church: Pieter & Hetty Lalleman. Pray that they settle into their roles and that as they hear from the Lord that the church community grows. Pray as they move into the area in March.
- Pray for the churches as they continue to minister online and/or in person.
- Pray for the Father Gerrard and David Faulkner as they lead the Catholic and Methodist Church. For their impact within the community.
- That the C4K team as they work together for the coming year.

### **23 February 2021 Schools/ Colleges/ FE/ Universities**

- For students & teachers as they manage online learning.
- For the mental well being of students and teachers
- Headteachers as they work with guidelines and government directives
- For students who have not been back to university and are working from home.

### **24 February 2021 Joy**

- That we/ you may know the sustaining joy of the Lord
- Thanking God for all the joyful moments in life
- Pray for yourself and/or others to find joy in the midst of sorrow
- Thank God for the things that make us laugh!

### **25 February 2021 UK Government**

- As they continue to manage the pandemic & vaccine roll-out
- Wisdom on how to continue to develop the UK post- Brexit
- Honesty & Integrity to flow through our MPs as they look beyond themselves.
- For Jonathan Lord our MP; that he knows the Lord guiding him as he makes many decisions and supports those in his constituency.

### **26 February 2021 Our Seniors**

- For those who are struggling during lockdown because of loneliness, that they will find someone to talk to and get help.
- Healing for those who are sick; both miraculous and through the Health services.
- Pray for comfort for those who are missing friends who have died.
- For strength and perseverance in this tough time. That they can hold onto the truth of the gospel and love of Jesus

### **27 February 2021 Unemployment**

- For people applying for jobs in a very busy & competitive market, that they get the right job and not be disheartened by the quantity of people applying.
- For the financial pressures on personal life that unemployment brings. Protect families from the strain and enable people to speak to the right people for help if required.
- For people's self-esteem and confidence during this time to not be depleted. Pray that people continue to have confidence in the skills they have.
- For the John Durrant as he continues to develop a 'job hub' that will seek to help people looking for work. Pray for more openings and a clear direction from God.

### **28 February 2021 World Watch List: North Korea**

We want to pray for different countries around the world that are persecuting Christians. We are using open doors 'World Watch List' to guide our prayer. Use the link to go to their page.

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/north-korea/>

Lord God, it is hard for us to imagine life in North Korea for Christians. But thank You that You will never abandon Your children and that You are with them whatever they suffer. Please help North Korean believers not just to survive but to be joyful, despite everything – prepare a banquet for them in the presence of their enemies. Tear down the strongholds of the Kim family and replace them with prayer and praise. Amen.

- Pray for the 400,000 Christians in the country; their safety, protection, and courage as they follow Jesus
- For Christians in prison and facing persecution because of their faith that they will know the gift of faith in the face of such persecution.

### **1 March 2021            Peace**

- For you and others to experience a deeper sense of the peace of Christ
- For peace within ours and others homes, communities and church
- For the peace of the world and ending enmity and conflict

### **2 March 2021            Friendships**

- Thank God for the friendship we have with God through Jesus
- Pray for two of your friends, that they will know Jesus particularly close at this time. Pray for any needs that they may have. Use your 'groups' on this app to fuel more prayer.
- Pray for new friends, so you can be a blessing to them.

### **3 March 2021            Neighbours**

- Pray for your neighbours that during this lockdown they will receive the help they need.
- Pray for opportunities to talk about Jesus and your faith.
- Pray into any specific needs you know of concerning them.

### **4 March 2021            Local Businesses**

- For the Woking Chamber of Commerce
- For those in Knaphill Village and Lansbury Estate that are struggling with having to stay shut. Pray that businesses will be able to open soon and that as a community we will look to shop local and support them.
- For those employers and employees locally who have struggled under the strain of lockdown.
- For the development of apprenticeships for young people so that those seeking alternatives to higher education can be helped and not lost in the middle of the pandemic.

### **5 March 2021            Patience**

- Pray that you will be able to nurture patience in our life. Think of a situation where you want God to help and prompt you to be patient.
- Think of someone who you find it hard to be patient with. Rather than asking to change them ask the Lord to work in your heart and help you become patient with them.

- To develop waiting with God: take a moment to be still. Wait. And be patient to hear his voice. Ask him to speak to you and to help you be less about the hurry and more about the waiting on him.

### **6 March 2021                      World Watch List: Afghanistan**

We want to pray for different countries around the world that are persecuting Christians. We are using open doors 'World Watch List' to guide our prayer. Use the link to go to their page.

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/afghanistan/>

Dear Lord, please protect the small number of Christians among the millions of people who live in Afghanistan. Thank You that, despite their small number, they have discovered the greatest love in the world. Please keep showing them Your wisdom, mercy and comfort, and give opportunities for believers to meet together, despite the opposition. Amen.

- Pray For Christian converts who face dire circumstances for following Jesus; either fleeing the country or face being killed.
- Christians from Muslim families can face potential killing by their family to save them from dishonour and/or are put in psychiatric hospitals. Pray for the Christians and families.

### **7 March 2021                      A Rocha : an organisation inspiring the people of God to care for God'creation (<https://arocha.org.uk/>)**

- Pray that more churches take on the challenge of becoming an Eco-Church. For us as we continue to look to being more environmentally friendly.
- For the team as they continue to develop new initiatives

### **8 March                              Mental Health & Well-Being**

- Pray for the many people feeling depressed and suffering from other mental health issues such as anxiety. The pandemic has highlighted this even more.
- Pray that people are able to access the help they need during the pandemic. That supply can meet demand.
- For our Kintsugi Hope Well Being Groups that we are setting up for both Youth & Adults. That this will be a help within our community.

### **9 March                              Relationships**

- For relationships in our/ other peoples homes; that there will not be a breakdown but a willingness to work through issues. Pray for safety and security in peoples homelife.
- Pray for relationships with extended family. Many people haven't seen loved ones for a long time. Pray that the distance and time apart will not be a problem.
- For relationships that are under pressure; whether marriage or friendships pray for reconciliation, patience and courage to face things together.

### **10 March                      Kindness**

- For kindness to develop in our hearts
- For kindness to flourish within our homes
- For you to be able to develop kindness in your community
- For more kindness on social media; that hate and bullying will be banished.

### **11 March                      Young People**

- For our young people's groups: Illuminate & Influx. They have had a hard time over lockdown in many different ways; school, exams, faith, sport & fun. Pray they will know Jesus in a personal and deep way and that he will protect them from disillusionment. Thank you for the team who have been faithful in helping young people.
- For Pete Hewlett and our team of volunteers: they will now inspiration by the Holy Spirit as they seek to nurture these young people in faith 7 life.
- For young people in the wider community; that in the middle of the pandemic and as it starts to ease, that our connection with young people will be far-reaching.
- Pray that more young people will be found by Christ

### **12 March                      Finances**

- Praise the Lord for the faithful giving within our church family that helps sustain our ministry to the community. Pray for more people to give to our continuing work.
- Pray for the Lord to bless and help Helen, our treasurer, as she gives of her time towards stewarding our finances.
- Pray for a replacement treasurer as Helen would love to hand this ministry onto someone else after over 20 years of doing it.

### **13 March                      World Watch List: Somalia**

We want to pray for different countries around the world that are persecuting Christians. We are using open doors 'World Watch List' to guide our prayer. Use the link to go to their page.

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/somalia/>

Lord, thank You that You are standing by Somali Christians – that however small they are in number, they are loved and cherished by the Almighty. Please encourage those who despair, and bring joy in the face of extraordinary hardship. We also ask that You would convict those who persecute Christians, as you did with the apostle Paul, and show them the truth of the gospel. Amen.

- We pray for protection against Al-Shabaab, a violent group that regulates life according to Islamic law.
- Pray for Christians from Muslim backgrounds as they are high targets for execution. Protect and give the courage in the face of fear.

**14 March**                    **Tearfund – [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)**

- For the Trustees and staff at Tearfund
- For various campaigns/fundraisers as they seek to end poverty.
- Pray for the tearfund representatives all over the world; that they will be directed by the Lord into the right projects and work to help people who are suffering.

**15 March**                    **Colleagues**

- Pray for colleagues at work as they too are probably struggling with working from home.
- Pray for ones that you know are in particular need at this time for whatever reason.
- Pray that you will have an opportunity to show the love of Jesus to them in the limited contact you do have with them.

**16 March**                    **Goodness**

- That God will nurture goodness within us. That it will be a visible witness to those around us.
- That we will see goodness increase in Church.
- That goodness will develop in the community.
- Goodness may be shown amongst nations.

**17 March**                    **World Watch List: Libya**

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<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/libya/>

Lord, we ask for Your blessing on Libya and those who follow You there. Please give strength and perseverance to those who cannot publicly praise You or have any semblance of church life. Protect them from violence and kidnapping, and change the hearts of those who persecute Christians. Amen.

- Pray that there is a freedom of speech in this country. That people will listen to the truth of the Gospel.
- Pray against laws that make sharing faith illegal. Pray for strength and courage for the Christians and protection on them from violent & sexual assault.

**18 March**                    **Emergency Services / NHS / GP surgeries**

- All emergency services (Police, Fire and Ambulance)
- Palliative Care and Hospices: that the staff are able to provide dignity and love to those in their last moments of life, especially as Covid has put many restrictions on the work.
- For our Hospitals and GP Surgeries local to us. As they manage a new way of working and the constant threat of Covid-19.
- For all NHS staff both front and support staff. They have gone through so much and faced things they should never face, please pray for the Lord to reveal his love to them, minister

supernatural re-energising of their weary bodies. Pray for the protection of their mental health, for their wellbeing as they face death every day and for their families as they support them.

### **19 March Faithfulness**

- Faithfulness to Christ and an increase in this.
- Faithfulness in families.
- Faithfulness to each other in Church.
- Faithfulness to those we are called to serve in the wider church.
- Faithfulness to the Christ.

### **20 March Knaphill Community Fridge**

- For the continued growth of the fridge as it reaches many people in the community
- For Jules as she manages the fridge; energy and strength as well as good conversations with supermarkets and other organisations.
- For volunteers as they give of their time to help collect and set up each day; for their safety and health.

### **21 March Sick & Bereaved**

- For people you know who are ill at this time. Pray for the Lord to heal, to be present with them as they walk this hard path of suffering.
- For those who are bereaved; that they will know the comfort of God as they continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.
- Pray for yourself if you are missing someone at this time.

### **22 March World Watch List: Pakistan**

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<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/pakistan/>

Father God, it looks almost impossible to follow You in Pakistan, but we know that with You all things are possible. Please draw close to men, women, and children who are suffering extreme persecution for their faith, showing them Your love, steadfastness, and power. Amen.

- Pray for Christians as they are seen as second class citizens and face persecution in all areas of life.
- Pray for Christian girls who face the possibility of abduction, rape, forced marriages, and often coerced into renouncing their faith

### **23 March Environment Concerns**

- For governments as they seek to address climate change; that they will be brave in making decisions for the good of the planet.

- For us as individuals; Ask the Lord to reveal how you can make a difference through one simple act.
- For us as a church as we seek to be an environmentally conscious church through the A Rocha Eco-Church initiative.

**24 March                      Yourself & your family**

- Pray into specific situations that you are aware of.
- For family members and their needs. Pray good things into the life of each member of your family, asking the Lord to release gifts and skills that come from him.
- For those in your family who do not know Jesus - that they will come to believe and follow him
- For you to know more of Jesus love & faithfulness in your life

**25 March                      Holy Trinity Pre-School**

- For the team as they continue to work under strict Covid guidelines. That they are protected and kept safe.
- For Sarah as she leads the team and manages the pre-school. Give her wisdom and strength to make the tough decisions and deal with such a wide range of issues.
- For the children that they grow and develop well. Help the staff as they teach and support each one of the children.
- For more children to join the pre-school in September

**26 March                      Gentleness**

- To develop a gentleness internally.
- To be heralds of gentleness in the places we live and work.
- For gentleness in our wider community & society.

**27 March                      Woking & it's councilors**

- For Woking Borough and all its peoples – [www.woking.gov.uk](http://www.woking.gov.uk).
- For the Chief Exec and council officers that they may seek to serve the people of Woking.
- For Coucillors, Harlow, Hussain and Whitehand for Knaphill as they make difficult decisions.
- For the services council provides.

**28 March                      Diocese of Guildford & National Anglican Church**

- For Archbishops Justin & Stephen as they serve the worldwide Anglican communion as well as challenging society and governments with the gospel.
- Pray for our Bishops, +Andrew & +Jo: that as they lead the churches in Guildford they will hear the Lord's leading. Pray for them as the Dicoese faces issues of finance because of the pandemic.
- Pray for the National church as they provide guidelines for leading churches during the pandemic.
- Pray for other Christians observing lent.

**29 March                      World Watch List: Eritrea**

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<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/eritrea/>

Father God, please protect Your children in Eritrea. Convict the hearts of those who persecute them, particularly those who profess to follow Jesus and yet still persecute His children. We ask that You would free Eritrean Christians from prison, as you did with the apostle Paul and Silas. Amen.

### **30 March                      Staff Team & PCC**

- For our wonderful team as they serve our church family and local community; that they will know new inspiration and refreshment from the Lord over the Easter season. That they will not lose heart because of the constant change, but take heart in Jesus.
- For the team to be able to work together soon. Working from home is hard. Pray they continue to grow as a team. Pray for Pete as he continues to settle in, even though he hasn't met many people yet.
- For the PCC as they make decisions in the coming year that will affect the church. Pray they will be able to hear the leading of the Spirit.

### **31 March                      Self-Control**

- For those struggling with various addictions: that the Lord will set them free and break the chains that bind them. Pray they will find the right help and support in order to break free.
- Pray they have the strength to overcome these addictions.
- Pray for the counseling services and support groups. That the counselors and leaders will be able to help people at the lowest point in their life.

World Watch List: Yemen

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/yemen/>

Lord God, we pray for Your protection over Your children in Yemen. We ask that You would show them that their true identity is not in their tribe, community or nationality but, first and foremost, in Jesus. Please bring peace and stability to the country, and ensure Your children can survive the ongoing humanitarian crisis. Build a resilient church, we pray. Amen.

### **1 April (Maundy Thursday)                      Turning Point Trust ([www.tptrust.org](http://www.tptrust.org))**

**Thanks:**

- For the amazing support they have had to continue serving families while their normal programmes were closed.
- That they were able to reopen all of their programmes in January, with COVID safety guidelines in place.
- That the team is returning to work armed with new skills in art therapy and accelerated learning.

- For the crops growing well on their land in Kinangop. They are selling these to support their work in Kibera.

**Please pray:**

- For their students and staff, that all would remain safe and well back at school amidst the ongoing pandemic.
- For their CEO, Judy, welcoming a new baby to the family.
- For the team stepping up to keep things moving at Turning Point while Judy is on leave.
- For the new headteacher, Jenipher, as she gets to know the school, staff, and students. That she would know God's guiding as she leads the team.

**1 April**                      **Maundy Thursday**  
Please check website for Online Reflection

**2 April**                      **Good Friday**  
Please check website for Online Reflection

**3 April**                      **Easter Saturday**  
Please check website for Online Reflection

**4 April**                      **Easter Sunday**                      **Church Service at 10am.**  
Details of this will be released closer to the time.