

Prayers for February 2021

***'Praying for each other; praying with each other'
as we enter the Holy Season of Lent.***

1. *At the start of a new month, we pray - All praise to you, Father, Creator of all that was, all that is, and all that is to come. We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Ridsen, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.*
2. ***Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas).*** *The Holy Spirit revealed Jesus as the Light of the Nations. Lord, give us grace to live by the light of faith during this pandemic. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.*
3. *To pray, we must first learn to listen: for in the silence of the heart God speaks. We pray for the people living in Delmond Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.*
4. *Help us in the stillness of our prayers to enter your peace, which passes all understanding. We pray for the ministry in and from the St Laurence Parish Office. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane. Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.*
5. *Everything begins with prayer that is born in the silence of our hearts. We pray for all shops and businesses in the High Street and in our village. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.*
6. *Today let us move about and work prayerfully, quietly and gently. We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road. Bless and guide the Queen and all members of the Royal family.*
7. *If we are careful of silence, it will be easy to pray. We remember all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.*
8. *A pure heart create for me, O God. We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.*
9. *Silence came before creation, and the heavens were spread without a word. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.*
10. *Turn to the Lord your God again, for He is all tenderness and compassion. We pray for all who live in Tongwood Drive and Whites Lane and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.*
11. *Lord, strengthen us with your presence and give us your peace in our hearts. We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and the Vicar Revd Ann Pollington.*

12. *God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. We pray for all who worship in the Parish of Marden and the Vicar, Revd. Nicola Harvey. Bless and guide those living in Fairview and Northgrove Road.*
13. *Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, O Lord. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst. We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgebury.*
14. *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for Father Vic McClean. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.*
15. *Show me, Lord, your way so that I may walk in your truth. We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell and the Vicar Rev Ashley Evans.*
16. *On this **Shrove** Tuesday, Lord help us to enjoy and give thanks to you for the bounty you provide for us and remind us to share your gifts with others. As Lent begins tomorrow, prepare our hearts and minds to reflect upon the temptation of Jesus for 40 days and nights and what that means for us. Amen. We pray for all who worship in the Baptist Church in our village, and for the Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.*
17. ***Ash Wednesday.** Let us remember to return humbly to our gracious God. Loving Lord, help us to realise the sufficiency of your grace as we begin our journey through Lent with you. Amen. We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place*
18. *On this second day of Lent, let us be wise in what we choose, consider carefully how we behave, denying self, to daily heed God's voice. We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.*
19. *Lord, you talked of a time for fasting and a time for feasting, so help us to give up our greed to serve those in need as we worship you. Amen. We pray for all living on Slipmill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sobers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam and the Rector Canon Christopher Irvine.*
20. *Loving God, guide us by your Spirit so we may delight in you by sharing both in word and deed with others whom we find in need. Amen. We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.*
21. ***1st Sunday of Lent.** Loving Father, thank you that your Son died once and for all for our sins, leading us to a new covenant with you. Amen. We pray for those who live in Copt-hall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk. We pray also for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.*
22. *Loving Lord, help each of us to set an example to others in selflessly following you with eager trust. Amen. We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silka Tezloff. We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.*

23. *Our Father in heaven, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Amen.* We pray also for all living in Oaklands Road, Tates as well as for all in living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
24. *Loving Lord, as your living Word convicts us, help us to truly repent and turn from our sinful ways as the people of Nineveh did, knowing that you are graciously compassionate and faithful to forgive. Amen.* We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
25. *Dear Lord, whatever we choose to go without this Lent, may it serve as a reminder to draw closer to you in prayer and petition with thanksgiving for all that you give us. Amen.* We pray for the Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Licensed Lay Worker and all the parishioners. We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane.
26. *Lord God of justice and mercy, help us to see whenever and however our ways are not right, so that we humbly confess to you and seek to make amends with others. Amen.* We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village. We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
27. *Lord God, help us to demonstrate our love for you in following your commands keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus who brings our faith to perfection. Amen.* We pray for our Vicar and Area Dean, Fr Rodney Dreyer and his family. We also pray for our Churchwardens, and all the members of our PCC. We remember all the members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.
28. ***2nd Sunday of Lent.*** *Hope helps us to live life to the full.* We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Stephen Archdeacon and Chaplain to Bishop Rose, Andrew Sewell Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.

***Lent is about moving towards Easter.
It is not a time to stand still, but to look forward in hope.***

