

Prayers for March 2021

***'Praying for each other; praying with each other'
as we continue our journey through the Holy Season of Lent.***

1. ***St David's Day, Patron of Wales.*** *God our Father, You called your servant David to uphold the Christian faith, to encourage by his observance of fasting and obedience, and to show compassion through small acts of great love. Help us to be good carers of one another and of Your great and glorious Creation. Amen.* 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. *In this season of Lent we fast from all which harms our soul and gladly feast on the blessings of God.* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *With faith and hope we bring our prayers to God; we draw near to him with joy.* We pray for the people living in Delmond Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
4. *How gracious is our God! We feast on your promises with thankful hearts.* We pray for the ministry in and from the St Laurence Parish Office. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. ***World Day of Prayer.*** *Let us be united in prayer with the people of Vanuatu and the world today. We pray with them, the theme they have chosen to build on a strong foundation : "Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. "Matthew 7: 24.* 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.
6. *I know the plans I have for you, promises the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11* 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.
7. *Gracious God, we praise you for your promises: for your steadfast love which is ever new yet unchanging through the ages.* 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.
8. ***International Women's Day.*** We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. *'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.'* We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
10. *Jesus our good shepherd, Walk with us through the valley of loss and grief.* We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.

11. *Jesus our good shepherd, Walk with us the precarious paths of change.* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.
12. *Jesus our good shepherd, Walk with us as we learn to walk humbly and faithfully with one another.* 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.
13. *Jesus our good shepherd, Climb with us out of shadow and into sunshine, leading us out of what has been and into what can be.* 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.
14. **Mothing Sunday.** *This Mothing Sunday we thank God for the people in our lives who have nurtured, cared and shown us the spirit of mothing.* 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.
15. *For earth and sky will pass away but the word of God endures forever. Amen.* 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.
16. *Spirit of life and liberty, Rest on us, that we might rest from our strivings.* 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.
17. **St Patrick, Patron of Ireland.** *Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.* 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.
18. *Spirit of life and liberty, Shine on us, that we might see ourselves in the light of your truth.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place
19. *Spirit of life and liberty, Provoke us, that we might work for justice and reconciliation.* We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
20. *Spirit of life and liberty, Reconnect us, that we might know again the joy of community.* We pray for all living on Slip-mill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sobers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam and the Rector Canon Christopher Irvine.
21. **Passiontide begins.** *A pure heart create for me, O God.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *Spirit of life and liberty, Flow through us, that we might bear life-giving good news to the world.* We pray for those who live in Copt-hall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. Psalm 22* We pray also for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.

24. *O Lord, listen to my prayer and let my cry for help reach you. Psalm 101* We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silka Tezlaff. We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.
25. ***The Annunciation of the Lord (Lady Day)*** *Here I am Lord, I come to do Your will.* We pray also for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates.
26. *The Lord is compassion and love.* We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
27. *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.* We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
28. ***Palm Sunday.*** *Heavenly Father, help all Christians to stay close to Christ in his Passion in Holy Week and to remain loyal to him throughout their lives.* We pray for the Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, The Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Parish Deacon and all the parishioners. We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane.
29. *Jesus my servant king, "Would I line the streets of my community to meet you, if you rode through it today?"* . 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.
30. *Jesus our servant king, As we pass through the wilderness with you, Open our eyes to see the beauty and fragility of your world.* 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.
31. *Jesus our servant king, Open our ears to hear the voices of those in need; Give us courage to confront injustice and challenge power. Give us confidence to shout with the stones and to tell your story wherever we go.* 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.***

