

Prayers for May 2021

Praying for the Kingdom:

***Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
Inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who do your work may be drawn to you,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

1. *At the start of this month, we continue to lift up those around the world who are greatly affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer. 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. *On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we continue to proclaim - Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.*
3. *Lord, help us in our discipleship, so that the Risen Christ may reveal more of his ways to us. Amen. We pray for the people living in Delmond Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingam and Hurst Green.*
4. *Lord, help us to seek your will and to enter your peace, which passes all our understanding. Amen. 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. *Lord, bless the work of your Church, and help her to abide in Christ, and bear much fruit for the Kingdom. Amen. 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. *Lord, show us how to live our lives from reading your Word in the Scriptures and in the teachings of the Church. Amen. 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. *Lord, give us grace to keep the Commandments, so that we may abide in Your presence and rejoice in your friendship. Amen. 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. *Lord, strengthen the faith of all who face difficulties and hostility because of their faith in the risen Christ. Amen. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.*
9. *God of eternal glory, we rejoice because we belong to Christ through Baptism, and we thank you for the blessed hope of eternal life in Him. Amen. We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.*

10. **Christian Aid week.** *We believe in the power of prayer and action to bring change. Move our hearts to give generously to those in need. Amen.* We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.
11. *We pray for all Christian Aid Workers, that they would 'not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up'. Galatians 6:9).* 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. *'I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth'. Psalm 121.* 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. **Ascension Day. Christ ascends into heaven as Lord. Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia. Today, we start the Nine Day (Novena) 'Thy Kingdom Come' time of prayer.** 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. *At the heart of 'Thy Kingdom Come' is our prayer that people will come to know Jesus. Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with deep thankfulness; show our family and friends how much God is doing for them. Amen.* 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. *The Lord is my Shepherd; I lack nothing.... all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Psalm. 23* 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. *May the Church on earth continue to pray in the power of the same Spirit, with Mary and all the Angels and Saints. Amen.* 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. *Father God, teach us through the Holy Spirit, about adoration, confession and thanksgiving, when we make our requests to you in prayer. 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.
18. *May the Church be always open to the power of the Spirit, so that she may witness to the Good News of the Risen Christ. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place
19. *Strengthen the faith of all Bishops, Priests and Deacons by the power of the Spirit, to keep the Church true to the faith of the Apostles.* We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.

20. *'I will send to you the Advocate, even the Spirit of truth. He will bear witness to me.'* Alleluia. 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. *Renew your Church in the faith of the Apostles, so that faithful Shepherds may feed your people with sound doctrine.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *Saint Paul wrote: If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in your.* Romans 8:11. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. **Pentecost Sunday (Whitsunday).** *Almighty God, stir up the Church with the power of the Spirit, and help her to continue Christ's saving work among all the nations. Amen.* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. *Ever-living God, just as salt brings out the flavour of food, so the Holy Spirit works in our minds and souls to strengthen our faith.* 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. *Help us by Your Grace to grow strong in faith, and to be a channel of Your Love for other people. Amen.* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates.
26. *May the light of our faith be seen in the world. Amen.* We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
27. *God of love, remain close to us when we are tempted to sin, and strengthen our loyalty and love for our crucified and risen Saviour. Amen.* We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
28. *O Lord, help us to still our minds and bodies, and to be open to the workings of the Spirit in all our prayers and actions. Amen.* We pray for the Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Parish Deacon and all the parishioners. We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane.
29. *Loving Father, guide all Christians into the way of truth, and help us to be united in the bonds of peace and love. 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.
30. **Trinity Sunday.** *Eternal God, you reveal yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three Persons in one God, in the perfect unity of Love.* We pray for our Vicar and Area Dean of the Weald Deanery, 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. ***The visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.*** *Almighty and loving God, your Church, like Mary, should bear your Son Jesus Christ to human beings in the service of humble love: Stir us up to go forth like Mary to our neighbours in need. For it is your will that the witness of our love may lead other people to You. Amen. We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Stephen, Archdeacon and acting Diocesan Secretary, Andrew, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.*

Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2