

Prayers for February 2022

***‘Praying for each other; praying with each other’
Prayer is the place where our hearts are opened to receive,
our souls stirred to worship and our hands warmed to
give.***

1. *Bountiful God, You welcome us with lavish kindness, and send us to a world in need. Teach us the joyful paradox of generosity, that in giving we receive, and in sharing we find treasure. We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Risden, 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).*** *Today we remember Joseph and Mary taking Jesus to the temple. We give thanks for the tradition of Baptism in our churches. We pray for all making this promise in the sight of God. Amen. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.*
3. *Generous God, we are so grateful for all you have given us in life. Amen. We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.*
4. *Generous God, help us to use your resources wisely to bring change for good in the world, and enable others to do the same. 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. *Generous God, as we hear and read your word and spend time in prayer, may we also put your commandment into action and truly love our neighbour as ourselves. 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. *You are the potter; I am the clay. Loving Lord, thank you that you created each of us in your image. 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. *Loving Lord, may we always see you in everyone we meet and reach out to them in love and kindness as your hands, wherever there is a need. 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. *Generous God, we are blessed by your lavish abundance; you total and constant provision. Amen. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.*
9. *Generous God, we praise you that, in every facet of life, you provide for our diverse needs as individuals, in our families and communities. Amen. We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary’s Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.*

10. *Loving Lord, thank you that you give strength to your people; that you give your people the blessing of peace. Amen.* We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.
11. *Two are better off than one, because they can work more effectively. If one falls down, the other can help them up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.* 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. *Lord, we ask that all who have any leadership role in world, national and local issues, work in partnership together. By following your example of justice and humility, may they plan for the future with patience and care for the people they serve. Amen.* 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. *'So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13* Bless and guide those living in Fairview and Northgrove Road. We pray for all who worship in the Parish of Marden and the Vicar, Revd. Nicola Harvey.
14. *We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. **God is love,** and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 1 John 4:16.* We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgbury. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst.
15. *God is love. Father, may we be a witness of your love in a troubled, anxious world, a love that casts our fear and that never ends. Amen.* We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for Father Patrice. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.
16. *Lord, you give light to the world; may we be so filled with your light that others find their way to you. 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. *Risen Christ, Open our hearts to the stranger. May we recognise that we are all made in your image, and let us work together to protect the planet we share. Amen.* We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk. We pray for all who worship in the Baptist Church in our village, and for the Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.
18. *King of Kings, may you guide us in our calling. Stir us to go where you send us, with hope and faith in our hearts. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place
19. *Redeemer God, may we share your blessings with the marginalised, the disenfranchised and the oppressed. In your Mercy, hear out prayer.* We pray for all the schools in our village, for the Headteachers, Staff and pupils and in particular for the Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School. We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.

20. *We pray today for carers working tirelessly to help vulnerable and disadvantaged people. Amen. 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. *We pray for people who had to shield during the Covid-19 pandemic. May we listen to them as we all try to build a more inclusive post-pandemic society. Amen. We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.*
22. *Loving Lord, we pray for children, who are the present and the future of the Church. May we treat children with respect, care and consideration. Amen. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.*
23. *Creator God, You fill us the breath of life. May we use our lives for your purpose, loving others and loving You. Amen. We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close. We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silke Tezloff.*
24. *Healing God, may we look to You in uncertain times. Let us take the words of your Son to heart: "Do not fear, only believe". Amen. We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road. We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.*
25. *Remember the wonders the Lord has done. Amen. We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane. We pray for Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, and Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.*
26. *The Lord is compassion 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.*
27. *This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24. 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.*
28. *Lord Almighty, let us praise you in our thoughts, words and actions. May we be living hope for those around us. Amen. 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.*

***Let us continue to prayer "Thy Kingdom Come" until it does.
Come Holy Spirit: gift us with yourself***