

Prayers for March 2023

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. Amen.

1. ***St David. Almighty God, You called your servant David to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries for the people of Wales: Mercifully grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the Gospel of Christ, we may with him receive our heavenly reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*** 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. *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! —Matthew 7:11.* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. ***World Day of Prayer International. Ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Eph 1:15-16.*** We pray for the people living in Delmond Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingam and Hurst Green.
4. *Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. —Matthew 5:44.* We pray for the ministry in and from the St Laurence Parish Office. We give thanks for the loving and faithful ministry of our Churchwardens, Alison and Liz. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. ***Second Sunday of Lent. John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*** We pray for Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, and Area Dean of the Weald Deanery as he is commissioned today and also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. *Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. —Luke 6:37-38.* 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. *And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. —Matthew 23:9.* We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road. Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family.

8. **International Women's Day.** *It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave. —Matthew 20:26–28.* We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
9. *Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. —Luke 16:25.* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
10. *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. —Matthew 21:42.* We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Hartenoak Road.
11. *Holy Humility puts pride to shame, and all the inhabitants of this world and all that is in the world. Amen.* 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. **Third Sunday of Lent.** *“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.’” —John 4:34.* We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and for their search for a new Vicar.
13. *And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.’ —Luke 4:24.* 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. *Pure and holy Simplicity puts all the learning of this world, all natural wisdom, to shame. Holy Poverty puts to shame all greed, avarice, and all the anxieties of this life. Amen.* 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. *Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. —Matthew 5:17.* 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. *Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. —Luke 11:17.* 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.** *Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.* 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. *Hail, Queen Wisdom! The Lord save you, with your sister, pure, holy Simplicity. Lady Holy Poverty, God keep you, with your sister, holy Humility. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place
19. **Fourth Sunday of Lent. Mothering Sunday.** *As one whom a mother comforts, so I will comfort you – Isaiah 66:13.* 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. **St Joseph of Nazareth. (transferred).** *O Saint Joseph, do assist us by your powerful intercession and obtain for us from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ.* 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. *Where there is Mercy and Prudence, there is neither Excess nor Harshness. Amen.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, And fair and stormy, all the weather's moods, By which you cherish all that you have made. Amen.* We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *All praise be yours, my Lord, through those who grant pardon for love of you; through those who endure Sickness and trial. Amen.* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. *Each and every virtue puts vice and sin to shame. 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.
25. **The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.** *Then Mary said, 'Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word' Luke 1:38.* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
26. **Fifth Sunday of Lent.** *Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' – John 11:24–25.* We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
27. *Holy Love puts to shame all the temptations of the devil and the flesh and all natural fear. Amen.* Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work in our local doctors surgeries and at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane.
28. *You are holy, Lord, the only God, and your deeds are wonderful. You are strong. You are great. You are the Most High, You are almighty. You, holy Father, are King of heaven and earth. 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.

29. *“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” —John 8:31–32.* We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, The Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon and Diocesan Secretary, Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.

30. *You are love, You are wisdom. You are humility, You are endurance. You are rest, You are peace. Amen.* We pray for our Vicar, Fr Rodney Dreyer and his family. We continue to pray for our Churchwardens, and all the members of our PCC.

31. *You are our protector, You are our guardian and defender. You are courage. You are our haven and our hope. Amen.* We remember all the members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.

Let us begin again, for until now we have done nothing.

Our Lenten resource this year is:

Diane Houdek: Lent With St. Francis: Daily Reflections. Franciscan Media.