



Prayers for May 2023

May is the also known as the MONTH OF MARY.

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee...

1. ***St Philip and St James.*** *Let us pray for all who seek to be disciples of Christ. May we, like Philip and James, pay attention to our Lord, hear his voice, and seek to follow his call on our lives. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Ridsden, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.
2. *In preparation for the Coronation of Charles III - We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for all who will play a part in the Coronation, and for all who will work to support it and our celebrations with their care and service, that they may be given the strength to carry out the duties entrusted to them.* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *We give thanks for all preparing for St Laurence Church Flower Festival in honour of the Coronation of Charles III.* We pray for the people living in Delmond Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingam and Hurst Green.
4. *Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Charles III, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with his consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.* 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. *We pray for Charles III, that he will have the grace, wisdom, and strength to live a life of service to you, Lord, and to his people.* We pray for Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, and Area Dean of the Weald Deanery 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. ***Coronation of Charles III*** *We pray that you may pour upon him abundant gifts to help him fulfil the promises made on this his coronation today. We give thanks that he puts*

duty and responsibility before his own needs. 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. *We pray for Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, that they may love and support the King, as he bears the burden of his office.* We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road.
8. *We pray for the building up of the Church and for its Supreme Governor, for the building up of all Christian people, and for mutual understanding and fellowship between all people of faith.* We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
9. *Help us to listen, O Lord, to your voice as you speak through events and through each day.* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
10. *Blessed be the Holiness that you have given us as an inspiration through the lives of your saints and servants.* We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Hearten-oak Road.
11. *'I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another'. John 13:34.* 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. *Help us to radiate your love in all that we do and to be considerate to all that we meet.* 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. *Help us, O Lord, to be gentle and considerate in our acts towards others. Teach us to be kind, even to the ungrateful and the wicked, as you are.* 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. **Start of Christian Aid Week 14th-20th.** *We pray for Christian Aid's work and partners around the world.* We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgebury. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst.
15. *Pray for the programmes of Christian Aid, which includes work in climate change; economic justice; inclusive markets, gender and inequality; health; humanitarian; tackling violence and building peace.* 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. *The second commandment from our Lord "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" Matthew 22: 39. Open our eyes to know our 'neighbour', we pray 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. *We give thanks for all the generosity and support given to the work of Christian Aid. 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. ***Ascension Day and the start of 'Thy Kingdom Come' Novena (18th to 28th May).***
The God who reigns. Alleluia. Christ ascends into heaven as Lord. We pray during Thy Kingdom Come for many to experience the love of Christ. We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place
19. ***The God who is.*** *1 John 1-2. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 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. ***The God who loves.*** *1 John 4:7-8 Dear Friends let us love one another, for love comes from God. 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. ***The God who shares.*** *1 John 4:9 'This is how God showed his love among us; He sent His one and only son into the world that we might live through Him. We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.*
22. ***The God who saves.*** *1 John 4:10-11. 'This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins'. Dear friends since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.*
23. ***The God who gives and goes on giving.*** *1 John 3:1. See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.*
24. ***The God who understands.*** *1 John 4:11-12. Dear friends since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. 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 Tezlaff.*

25. **The God who forgives.** *1 John 1:8-9 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates.*
26. **The God who challenges.** *1 John 2:6. Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.*
27. **The God who empowers.** *1 John 4:13. This is how we know that we live in Him and He in us: He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world. We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.*
28. **PENTECOST. The God of the whole world.** *Almighty God, you fulfilled the promise made by your Son when you poured out the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at Pentecost - stir up the Church with the power of the same Spirit, and help her to continue Christ's saving work among all the nations. 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.*
29. *We pray to the Lord, that the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of earth, bring an end to war, hatred and discrimination. 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. *That each baptised Christian may develop more fully his or her response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ, we pray to the Lord. 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.*
31. ***Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.*** *O Lord, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she responded to Mary's visit with deep understanding and spiritual insight - thank you for fulfilling your purposes through the Blessed Virgin Mary and Elizabeth and we rejoice in your eternal love. 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. We remember all the members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.*

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