

Prayers for March 2024

He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. [Mk 1:13]

1. World Day of Prayer. David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601. I beg you, bear with one another in love. 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. Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672. God all about us, God deep within us, God's peace be with us, Today and forever. Amen. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. Third Sunday of Lent. God our Father, in charity, fasting and prayer you have shown us a remedy for sin. Listen in love to our prayers and lift up our hearts with the assurance of your mercy. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. We pray today for all ordinands and those in training for Licensed Lay Ministry. We pray for the people living in Delmond Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
4. Lord Jesus Christ, help us to turn from everything that leads us astray, and to focus on you and your will, for your name's sake. Amen. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. Merciful God, encircle me, nurture me, guide and protect me, for I am still a weak and foolish child. In your great love, stay close and watch over me always. 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. We delight in your law, O God, may the prayers of our hearts reflect your will for us. Amen. We pray for all who work in the shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses in the High Street, and in our village. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203. God has told you what is good; and what does he want of you but to act justly, to delight in showing kindness, and to walk in humility with your God. [Micah 6:8]. 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. Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910, Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647, Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929. Gracious God, we pray for women throughout the world who are building up their own communities. As we love you, may we love our neighbour, and support one another to reflect your kingdom here on earth. Amen. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection that we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.

10. Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday. Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us. Amen. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.
11. Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.' [Acts 4:19-20]. 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. Sovereign God, open our hearts to all that you have yet to say, yet to do, and yet to teach us. We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and their Vicar Revd. Richard King.
13. Lord Jesus Christ, meet with me afresh each day, and open my eyes to see you, my ears to hear you, my mind to know you and my heart to love you. Amen. 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. Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds. [Heb 10:24] 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. Lord Jesus Christ, live in my heart, fill my soul, renew my mind, so that I may know and love you fully, just as you know and love me. Amen. We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for Father Ethelbert Ukpabi. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.
16. Go, then, and make disciples of all people, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. [Mt 28:19]. We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartenokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell during their interregnum.
17. Fifth Sunday of Lent. Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460. I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same The Three in One and One in Three. We pray for those who live in Cophall 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. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386. Gracious God, teach us to take each moment as it comes and to live life to the full. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place.
19. Joseph of Nazareth. May the love of the Holy Family surround you. May the joy that was Mary's refresh you. May the faithfulness that was Joseph's encourage you. May the peace of the Christ-child fill your lives. Amen. 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 and the

Headteacher Jodi Hacker. We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.

20. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687. Almighty God, who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people: in your mercy, grant that we, following his example, may bring those who are lost home to your fold. 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. Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the cause of right, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. You are, therefore, no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's family. [Eph 2:19]. We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. [God has] called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. [1 Pet 2:9]. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. Palm Sunday. Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. 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. Monday of Holy Week. Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. We pray today for all who are alone, for the homeless and those for whom life is, for whatever reason, anything but joyful.
26. Tuesday of Holy Week. True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
27. Wednesday of Holy Week. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name. We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
28. Maundy Thursday. God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. 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 Area Dean of the Weald Deanery and also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.

29. Good Friday. Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Holy Saturday They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths according to the burial customs of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no-one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. [Jn 19:40-42]. 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.
31. Easter Day. When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ... [The young man] said to them '... He has been raised, he is not here. ... Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you' [Mk 16:1,6,7]. We pray for our Vicar, 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.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!