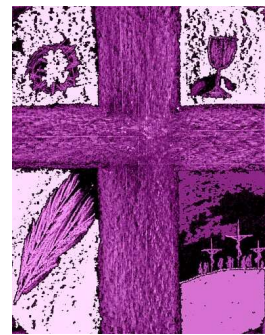


## **Prayers for March 2025**

### **A Spiritual Journey through LENT using Psalm 119**



1. **St David - Patron Saint of Wales.** We remember Saint David, Patron Saint of Wales, and give thanks for his passion for the Gospel which helped to spread Christianity. May we learn from him and respond to the words that are thought to be his last: "Be steadfast, and do little things". Amen. 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 during their interregnum.
2. Let us concentrate our prayers during this season of Lent, for all living in war torn countries. Let us pray for Peace in our world. Lord in Your Mercy, hear our prayer. Amen. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. Holy Spirit, come to us in times of great challenge, accompany us on the journey through this Lent, to understanding our true selves. Amen. We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
4. Be with us, Father God, as we read each day through Psalm 119, in preparation to keep this holy season of Lent, so that we may fully enter into the joys of Easter. Amen. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. **Ash Wednesday.** Psalm 119:1-4. Blessed is a wonderful word with which to start Lent. We are blessed by God. **A Prayer:** We beseech You, O God, to pour into our hearts, and the hearts of all people everywhere the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. **A Saying:** "You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in Thee" (St Augustine of Hippo). We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for their Minister Father Ethelbert Ukpabi. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. Psalm 119:5-8 We have made a good start, we are on our way to Jerusalem with Jesus and His disciples. **A Prayer:** Holy Father make me holy; Holy Jesus make me holy; Holy Spirit make me holy; Holy God make me whole. **A Saying:** "That which I am, and the way that I am, that I offer to You" (The Cloud of Unknowing) Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. Psalm 119:9-12. We need to 'treasure' God's word in our hearts. **A Prayer:** My Lord my all. **A Saying:** "Prefer absolutely nothing to the love of Christ" (St Benedict of Nursia) Today we also celebrate **World Day of Prayer - a service from the Cook Island. "I made you wonderful"**. We pray today for all the schools in our village, in particular for Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School, the Headteacher Jodi Hacker, the staff, governors, volunteers, and parents. We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road.
8. Psalm 119:13-16. Our life of prayer must lead to our life of love. **A Prayer:** Jesus may all that is You flow into me. **A Saying:** It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness. Bless all

the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Community Hospital. We pray and give thanks for all who work in the emergency services. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.

- 9 **First Sunday of Lent.** Psalm 119:17-20 *Even though we are in Lent, let us not forget that every Sunday reminds us of the wonder of the Resurrection. A Prayer: Lord open my lips that I may praise You today. A Saying: Prayer is longing, asking, seeing. (Julian of Norwich)* We remember the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
10. Psalm 119:21-24 *Lent is a time to think more deeply about choices set before us. A Prayer: Lighten our darkness, we beseech You, O Lord. A Saying: I am the Light of the World. (Jesus.)* We pray for all who work in the shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses in the High Street, in our village. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heaten Oak Road.
- 11 Psalm 119:25-28 *Humility is a wonderful virtue. It means recognising myself for what I am, a child of God. A Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, You have given all for me, help me to give myself to You. A Saying: God is already humble - and man is still proud. (St Augustine).* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane.
12. Psalm 119:29-32 *Today's verses speak about "truth". Only Christ can teach me how to be true in relationships with other. A Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, help me today to know You as the Truth for me. A Saying: "You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free" (Jesus)* We remember today the Food 4 Families food bank in Hawkhurst, for the volunteers and for all those who need its services. 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 Psalm 119:33-36 *We have to be teachable and that is a gift from God. We can never come to the end all the marvellous revelations about Himself that God offers to us. A Prayer: Dear Lord, You have called us to live in Your presence; teach me and guide me today that I may do Your Will. A Saying: 'He, or she, who has themselves for a master has a fool for a scholar' (St Bernard of Clairvaux).* 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. Psalm 119: 37-40 *Lent is a good time to consider how we spend our days as far as our sight (eyes) are concerned. A Prayer: Help me today, Lord, to look out upon Your world and find You in all things. A Saying: God creates, God cures, God completes.* 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. Psalm 119:41-44 *What is salvation? What are we saved from? What are we saved for? A Prayer: We thank You above all for Your great love in redeeming the world through our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. A Saying: "Apart from Me, you have no life in you" (Jesus)* We pray today for all ordinands and those in training for Licensed Lay Ministry. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.
16. **Second Sunday in Lent.** Psalm 119:45-48. *One of the valuable ways of keeping Lent is to consider our bodies. St Paul asks us "Do you not know that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit dwells in you?". A Prayer: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me: Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. A Saying: Love is the measure by which we shall be judged.* We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell during their interregnum.

17. Psalm 119:49-52 *We may be sure that if our witness is true, it is bound to meet with opposition. **A Prayer:** Lord Jesus we bring all our griefs and sorrows to You. Use them, we ask for Your glory and for our consolation. **A Saying:** The entire life of a good Christian is nothing less than holy desire (St Augustine). We also remember **St Patrick, Patron of Ireland.** St Patrick tells us that he arises "through the strength of heaven". God's might to uphold me; God's wisdom to guide me...God's word to speak to me...God's shield to protect me ...afar and near, alone or in a multitude. 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 their Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.*
  
18. Psalm 119:53-56. *We must be filled with grief for the sinner and not grievance; while we hate the sin we must love the sinner. **A Prayer:** Give me grace today Lord to love all Your children and to pray for all those caught up in violence in our land. **A Saying:** Trust the one who creates; distrust the one who destroys. We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill.*
  
19. Psalm 119:57-60 *A good exercise and practice in Lent is to take spiritual and moral stock of how we stand. **A Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into my heart. Help me to see myself as I am because I am looking into Your face. **A Saying:** If illness is a punishment for sin, I can think of a good number of people who should be permanent invalids! We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.*
  
20. Psalm 119:61-64 *Here the psalmist talks of the earth being full of God's mercy. God looks down on His whole world and loves it because He Made it. **A Prayer:** Lord God, You have set us in a beautiful world. Helps us to keep it beautiful for the sake of our children and their children. **A Saying:** Come out of prayer slowly lest we jolt the heart and spill the balm. (St Francis de Sales). We pray for all living on Slipmill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sopers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam and the Rector Canon Christopher Irvine.*
  
21. Psalm 119:65-68 *We can never thank God enough for all the blessings He showers upon us. **A Prayer:** "Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace". **A Saying:** One never really destroys a thing unless one has replaced it. We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.*
  
22. Psalm 119:69-72. *What is pride as the psalmist uses the word here? It is putting myself in the place of God. God is the centre of our lives. **A Prayer:** Keep me close to You Lord Jesus Christ as I try to follow Your holy life of obedient love. **A Saying:** Learn to love and let go of everything else (William Langland) We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.*
  
23. **Third Sunday of Lent.** Psalm 119:73-76 *Every Sunday should be a time of praise and thanksgiving. On the first day of the week we recall both the beginning of creation and the beginning of the new creation by the Resurrection of Christ. **A Prayer:** "Lord give me grace this day to be belong and become wholly Your child". **A Saying:** When the spirit is silent the body cries out. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.*
  
24. Psalm 119:77-80 *We need to ask what can we do to alleviate the misery of oppression - This is a good Lenten discipline and prayer. Forgiveness, reconciliation, restoration. **A Prayer:** Teach me Lord to show my love especially to those who have suffered from oppression and violence. **A Saying:** Before every human being there marches an angel saying: "Make way, make way, for the Image of God!" 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. *Psalm 119:81-84 God's love is always with us. **A Prayer:** Give me grace, dear Lord, in times of dryness to be faithful to Your loving call. **A Saying:** Prayer is the supreme human activity (Evelyn Underhill). We also remember today **The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lady Day)** Mary's "yes" encourages us to say our "yes" to Jesus. Lord, help me to say "yes". Amen. We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.*
26. *Psalm 119: 85-88. 'All Your commandments are true'. This is an important area for us to consider in Lent. **A Prayer:** Dear Lord, You know best for me; help me to do Your will today. **A Saying:** Love God and do what you will (St Augustine) We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.*
27. *Psalm 119: 89-92. Lent is a time to pray for all those people who in one way or another share our journey through life. **A Prayer:** Dear Lord, You have called me to meet many people, help me to see Jesus in each one of them. **A Saying:** Life is real; prayer is real; life with prayer is more real. 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.*
28. *Psalm 119:93-96. God is indeed a God of wonder and delight, of beauty and love; but God is also the Judge of all mankind. Lent is the time to bring ourselves before the Holy One in a deeper penitence. **A Prayer:** Here we offer and present unto You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto You. **A Saying:** To become God's servant is to become free to be ourselves. We remember today all those in care in the village. We pray for the staff and residents of Bowles Lodge and Hawkhurst House. We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.*
29. *Psalm 119:97-100 The psalmist is calling us to take God seriously into the corners of our lives which are most important, our family, our work, our friendships, our leisure. He is the God of the whole of our lives. **A Prayer:** "Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy Name" **A Saying:** "God remembers that we are but dust. You can't expect dust to be always up the mark" (Fr Arthur Stanton) We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.*
30. *Psalm 119:101-104 We thank God for Jesus the Teacher. Sit at his feet today and learn from Him. Be teachable! **A Prayer:** O Christ, You are the Truth; give me grace to learn from You today. **A Saying:** You shall know the Truth and the Truth will make you free. We celebrate **Mothering Sunday**. This Mothering Sunday we thank God for the people in our lives who have nurtured, cared and shown us the spirit of mothering. Amen. We pray for the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Iain Blythe the Diocesan Secretary. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.*
31. *Psalm 119: 105-108 We come from God, we are called to live with God, we go at last to God. And God's Word is there to see that we do not miss the path. **A Prayer:** Lord, give me grace today to read, mark and learn from Your word that it may be a lantern to my feet and a light to my path. **A Saying:** "Take this, the most precious thing this world afford" (Said to the British monarch at the Coronation Service as he/she is handed the Bible). We pray for our Vicar, Canon Fr Rodney Dreyer and for his family. We pray for our churchwarden, all members of our PCC and also for those members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.*

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