

Prayers for February 2026

God of mercy, swift to help us, as our lips pour forth your praise, fill our hearts with the peace you give to those who wait for your salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Taken from: 'Draw Near' – CofE Lent Resource 2026]

1. **Fourth Sunday of Epiphany.** *Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525. I would wish a great lake of ale for the King of Kings; I would wish the family of heaven to be drinking it throughout life and time. [Brigid of Kildare].* We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Risdén, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons during their interregnum.
2. **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas).** *'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'* [Luke 2:29-32]. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865. 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."'* [Matt 1:16-17]. We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parish of Holy Trinity, Hurst Green during their interregnum.
4. *Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189. I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.* [John 5:30]. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'* [Mark 1:16-17]. We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. *The Martyrs of Japan, 1597. I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.* [Ps 119:96]. Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. *Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father.* [Matt 10:29]. We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road.

- 8 **Second Sunday before Lent.** *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Rom 8:38-39].* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
- 9 *So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. [John 8:36].* We remember the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary's Frittenden during their interregnum.
10. *Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. [P91:9-10].* 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 the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.
- 11 *In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. [Ps 18:6].* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane.
12. *Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. [Luke 13:29].* We pray for all who work in and own shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses in the High Street, in our village. 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 *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. [Rom 12:21].* 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. 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. *Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885. Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. [1 Cor 13:13].* We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgebury.
15. **Sunday next before Lent.** *Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730. Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [Phil 4:8].* We pray today for all ordinands and those in training for Licensed Lay Ministry. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and The High Street and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and their Vicar, Revd. Rachel Robertson.

16. *And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? [Matt 6:28-30].* We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell and their vicar, the Revd. Canon Dr Jason Radcliff.

17. *Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977. O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. [Ps 63:1].* 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. **Ash Wednesday.** *The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. [Ps 51:17].* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park, Herschel Place and Highgate Hill.

19. *I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. [Rom 12:1-2].* 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. We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.

20. *Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ [Matt 4:10].* We pray for all living on Slipmill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sopers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam during their interregnum.

21. *With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. [Ps 119:10-11].* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court. We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.

22. **First Sunday of Lent.** *Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.* We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.

23. *Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155. He said to them, When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. [Luke 11:2].* We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close. We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village. We remember today all those in care in the village. We pray for the staff and residents of Bowles Lodge and Hawkhurst House.

24. *And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial. [Luke 11:4].* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
25. *Ember Day. Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. [Luke 22:19].* We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close. We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
26. *Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' [Luke 22:41-42].* 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.
27. *George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633. Ember Day. 'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.' [Luke 22:31-32].* We pray for Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover, Rev Estella Last, Archdeacon of Maidstone and Iain Blythe the Diocesan Secretary. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
28. *Ember Day. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. [Luke 11:9].* We pray for our churchwardens, all members of our PCC and for those members of our fellowship who live outside the parish. We also pray for those clergy ministering to us during our interregnum.

God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask. Amen.

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