

## Prayers for March 2026

***O Son of God, do a miracle for me and change my heart. Thy having taken flesh to redeem me was more difficult than to transform my wickedness.***

***[Irish, 15<sup>th</sup> Century]***

1. **Second Sunday in Lent.** *David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601. From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I; for you are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. [Ps 61.2-3].* 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. *Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672. Silence will speak more to you in a day than the world of voices can teach you in a lifetime. Find silence. Find solitude – and having discovered her riches, bind her to your heart. [Frances J. Roberts].* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. [John 1.3-5].* We pray for the people living in Delmondén Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parish of Holy Trinity, Hurst Green during their interregnum.
4. *If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,” even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. [Ps 139.11-12].* We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” [Luke 10.18-20].* 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. *Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. [Ps 139.7-8].* Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. *Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203. Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. [Jer 33.3].* We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road.
8. **Third Sunday of Lent.** *He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. [Ps 23.3-4]* We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. *My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. [Ps 139.15-16].* We

remember the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary's Frittenden during their interregnum.

10. *If you want to live life free Take your time, go slowly If you want your dream to be Take your time, go slowly* [*'Little Church'* (Donovan Leitch)]. 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. *When I thought, "My foot is slipping," your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.* [Ps 94.18-19]. We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane.
12. *For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.* [Ps 84.11]. 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 Sandroock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and their Vicar Revd. Richard King.
13. *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* [Col 3.17]. 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.
14. *Your love comes to me in the silence, ordinary. Like a child's treasure I turn it over in the nook of my hand, warming its smooth heaviness. A thought of You, stony, clearly defined, drops as though down a deep well, is lost momentarily, then turns up a certainty in the heart.* [Cathy Hutcheon]. We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgebury. We pray for all who worship in the Parish of Marden, the Vicar, Revd. Nicola Harvey and Curate Rev Vicki Young.
15. **Fourth Sunday of Lent. Mothering Sunday.** *And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'* [Luke 2.33-35]. 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. *Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.* [Ps 126.4-6]. 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. *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.* [St Patrick's Breastplate]. 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. *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386. God is loving to man, and loving in no small measure. [Cyril of Jerusalem].* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park, Herschel Place and Highgate Hill.
19. **Joseph of Nazareth.** *When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. [Matt 1.24-25].* 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 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. Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you. [Isa 58.6-8].* 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. *Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556. In the midst of life we are in death, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection. [Thomas Cranmer].* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. **Fifth Sunday of Lent.** *Passiontide begins. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. [Ps 130.1-4].* We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. [2 Tim 4.1-8].* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. *Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980. Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world. [Oscar Romero].* We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.
25. **The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.** *Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. [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. *Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. [Psalm 91.14].* We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
27. *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. [Rev 1.8].* 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 also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.

28. *But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. [Isa 53.5].* We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
29. **Palm Sunday.** *'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'* [Matt 21.9b]. 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.
30. *Monday of Holy Week. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'* [John 12.8]. We pray for Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover, Estella Last, Archdeacon of Maidstone and Iain Blythe the Diocesan Secretary. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
31. *Tuesday of Holy Week. John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.[Ps 71.1-2].* We pray for our churchwardens, all members of our PCC and also for those members of our fellowship who live outside the parish. We pray for all those clergy ministering to us during our period of vacancy.

*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.  
[St Patrick's Breastplate]*

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