

ST. MARGARET'S
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SOUTH MARSTON
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MARCH PRAYER
DIARY



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The Book of Proverbs – Chapter 31 Verses 26-27

²⁶ She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. ²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

To my fellow Christians...

Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, many church and local events have been put on hold or cancelled altogether. As a result, until such time as the events recommence, the prayer diary will be scaled down to weekly prayers, much like the prayer diaries that are distributed over Christmas and the summer months.

I will still attempt to make the prayer diary as varied as possible, but for that to succeed I will continue to require your help and support, so please feel free to jot down your own thoughts for prayer below.

God Bless,
Adam Jenkins

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Prayer topics...

1st-5th March: This week in your prayers, as we remember Jesus' trials in the desert against Satan, pray for all those who are going through their own tribulations, be they mental, spiritual or physical. Pray that, as our Lord overcame His temptations, they may too find an oasis through God's love and support.

Week beginning 6th March

Collect: 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.

With the situation in Ukraine getting worse by the day, pray for the innocent citizens caught up in this power struggle, and that the need for bloodshed can be avoided. Pray also for all those suffering under the dark shadow of ongoing conflicts across the world; may God show mercy to them and protect them.

Pray also this week for those commemorating International Women's Day on Tuesday and all those who are working tirelessly to create a world free of discrimination and exclusivity.

Week beginning 13th March

Collect: Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Young people are the future of our faith. In your prayers this week, pray for the members of the Boys Brigade - be it the Boys, the helpers or the Officers. Help them to promote Christ's Kingdom through obedience, reverence, discipline and self-respect, whilst also enjoying fun and games.

Also in your prayers, pray for all pupils as they continue to settle, develop and learn into their schools. Pray that they will continue to develop as individuals, develop their potential and seek aspirations and dreams for the future.

Week beginning 20th March

Collect: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray this week for those who were killed in the mudslides and floods in Rio de Janeiro last month, and all those who lost their lives in the three storms that spread through the UK recently. Nature can be both kind and cruel; pray that we may take better care of it and be mindful of what it can do.

Pray also this week for our Ministry Team, and ministers in churches across the world of other denominations, particularly during a period in our history where there is not much good news in the world. While it may not be possible to physically help them, let us pray that God will watch over those in dire need of good cheer.

Week beginning 27th March

Collect: 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.

As we celebrate Mothering Sunday today, pray for everyone throughout the world and in our own lives who take care of, and shield, us through the dark times. Remember them, and how they looked after us, and brought us up to be true Christians.

Remember also in your prayers the work that the Swindon Food Collection does to make sure that food is provided to everything, especially those who do not have easy access to it. Also, Swindon Food Bank works tirelessly all the time to make sure that everyone gets a decent meal. Pray that God's love will radiate through them to the people they help.



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