

## Monday 6 March

For all those new to St Peter's, that they would find sustenance for every stage on their spiritual journey

## Tuesday 7 March

For all who will gather for our Lent groups, who will reflect on other parts of the world and how their journey with God enriches, illuminates or challenges ours. For all who will feed us – physically as well as spiritually

## Wednesday 8 March

*God our redeemer,  
you have promised liberation for our world;  
remission of debts, forgiveness of sins;  
deliver us, body, mind and spirit  
from the grip of all that is evil;  
that we who claim the blessing of release  
have courage to live by it,  
in the name of him who died to set us free,  
Jesus Christ our Lord*

## Thursday 9 March

For children in care; at a time when they are at their most vulnerable, praying they would meet kindness and love; and that when at eighteen they have to leave they would find continuing support

## Friday 10 March

For all who work to heal in difficult or desperate circumstances; our doctors and nurses in hospitals that are overcrowded and underfunded; those struggling in war zones and places of extreme poverty; for all who long to be able to bring greater care, swifter recovery

## Saturday 11 March

For all who will gather tomorrow to worship across the world, from the gentle pastures of the shires to those places where faith faces peril and persecution

## Sunday 12 March 2nd Sunday of Lent

*Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ...*

*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.*

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# PRAYER for February – March

## Monday 13 February

*Come, creator Spirit, source of life;  
sustain us when our hearts are heavy  
and our wells have run dry,  
for you are the father's gift,  
with him who is our living water,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Tuesday 14 February

For deep, authentic relationships; ones that understand that the romance of love must be underpinned by support and care that is not diminished in times of struggle or challenge

## Wednesday 15 February

For cleaners; those who work in the night silence of offices, in the vital hygiene of hospitals, in the complex environment of factories; the visible, the invisible, in our workplaces and in our homes, for all who keep our world clean

## Thursday 16 February

For all who have been separated from family – through long-forgotten disputes or ancient enmities or misunderstandings; for the courage to work for reconciliation

## Friday 17 February

For all who have been separated from family through conflict or disaster, through bombed homes, shattered towns, broken lives; for every refugee who must face life devastatingly alone

## Saturday 18 February

For the leaders of the nations, those whose responsibilities cannot be underestimated, yet who so often look inward to their own interests rather than outward to the wellbeing of the world *Dear Lord, turn their hearts to your will*

## Sunday 19 February 2nd Sunday before Lent

*Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.*

*Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Monday 20 February

For all those starting half-term – teachers, staff and children – for rest, play and restoration

## Tuesday 21 February

For all hub leaders as they meet tonight; for the work they will do as they discern how best to use their time and their talents, and how to engage people with the work of God in this place

## Wednesday 22 February

For all those who live or work on Hereford Close, Heybridge Lane, Highfield, Highfield Drive, Holehouse Lane, Holmlee Way and Hope Green

## Thursday 23 February

For all who work across the nations in trade; for fair practice, straightforward dealings and just reward for labour; for those working towards safe and humane working conditions for everyone

## Friday 24 February

For the vulnerable who are imprisoned; for those who work to turn around lives that have gone astray, lives that can be healed, lives damaged by damage to them

## Saturday 25 February

For those who have been drawn into addictions of any kind – with drugs, gambling, alcohol, or anything that damages their bodies, their minds and the lives, not just of themselves, but of those who are close to them

## Sunday 26 February

### Sunday before Lent

*Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*

*Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Monday 27 February

For those who suffer from abuse or bullying – on the web or face-to-face – whether it is racist, sexist, or simply because they are the target for someone else's insecurities or rage

## Tuesday 28 February

*Grant us grateful hearts O Lord,  
aware of your blessings, mindful of your love,  
hearts that are eager to give thanks,  
slow to complain,  
hearts that are resolute to follow your will*

## Wednesday 1 March

### Ash Wednesday

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
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*

*Holy God,  
our lives are laid open before you:  
rescue us from the chaos of sin  
and through the death of your Son  
bring us healing and make us whole  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Thursday 2 March

For a deep engagement with the discipline of Lent; for a time of self-examination and self-awareness that is grounded in the love of God and his purposes for us

## Friday 3 March

For all who have made big changes in their lives – taken new jobs, made significant geographical moves, faced any new situation that requires deep energy and steadfastness; *guide and support them Lord in all these new ventures*

## Saturday 4 March

For those countries facing desperate levels of hunger – especially Yemen, South Sudan, Nigeria, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya, where famine is looming; for a deeper understanding of the complexity of aid, and for greater levels of generosity

## Sunday 5 March

### 1st Sunday of Lent

*Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted  
forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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.*

*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.*

