

St Andrew's Kirk Ella and St Luke's Willerby **Prayer Diary for March 2019**

We will explore with anyone who will listen the good news that God saves and transforms sinners through Jesus Christ

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray...." (Luke 11.1)

Friday 1st March - Psalm 129 Christianity Explored

Remember all those who attended this course in January and February. Thank God for this excellent resource and pray that people will continue to reflect on what they heard and that it will be of lasting spiritual help and benefit to them.

Saturday 2nd March - Psalm 130 Quiz Night

Pray for another good attendance at this popular event, that all will feel welcome and that it will be an enjoyable time. Pray for the opportunity to gently share something of Jesus in an appropriate and relevant way.

Sunday 3rd March - Psalm 131 *Sunday Groups/Leaders*

Thank God for those in both our churches who teach our children on Sundays. Pray for continued enthusiasm and faithfulness. Pray too for a long term solution about where to meet for those at St Andrew's.

Monday 4th March - Psalm 132 Schools Work

Praise God for open doors at St Andrew's, Carr Lane and Wolfreton Schools. Ask God to bless Open the Book, Fuse Club and the CU. Pray for wisdom for all involved, continued good relationships and increased interest in the good news of Jesus. Pray that God will be at work. **Tuesday 5th March - Psalm 133** Pancake and Prayer Night

An opportunity for all the church family to enjoy pancakes together and then spend time praying together with all ages. Thank God our prayers make a difference in the world.

Wednesday 6th March - Psalm 134 Friendship Club at St Luke's

Pray for the meeting this afternoon, that a happy time will be had by all and that the love of Jesus will be shared by those who minister to its elderly members. Pray for good friendships and spiritual blessings for each one.

Thursday 7th March - Psalm 135 Baptism Families

Thank God for the contact with local families through baptism services. Pray that each family will seek to be faithful to the promises they make and that those baptised will grow to love the Lord Jesus for themselves. Pray for ongoing contact and friendship and that we will see some of these families joining us on a more regular basis.

Friday 8th March - Psalm 136 Mission Partners

Pray for the Moore's in PNG and for the Griffiths in Myanmar and all the different challenges they face in two very different countries. Pray for good working relationships with both officials and colleagues and that nothing will hinder the work God has given them to do.

Saturday 9th March - Psalm 137 Welcomers

Pray for all who undertake this important role in welcoming everyone into our services. Pray for Holy Spirit wisdom and sensitivity as they are the first point of contact in our buildings. Pray that they will be able to put people at ease and that any newcomers will be glad to be amongst us.

Sunday 10th March - Psalm 138 Evening Meeting

Pray for our joint evening meeting, that numbers will grow and that we will all be blessed by learning together and enjoying fellowship with one another. Thank God for this opportunity to have further teaching on the Lord's Day.

Monday 11th March - Psalm 139 Diocese and Deanery

Give thanks for all those who serve at Diocesan and Deanery level. Pray that each one will be faithful to God's word and given wisdom in all their discussions and deliberations, particularly as there is increasing pressure on the church to conform to cultural changes in society. **Tuesday 12th March - Psalm 140** *Growth Groups*

Pray that as we continue our studies in 1 Samuel, God will grant each one of us Holy Spirit understanding and give us a fresh appreciation that the God who worked out His plans and purposes in the OT is the same God who is at work in our world today. Ask that our confidence to trust Him will increase. **Wednesday 13th March - Psalm 141** *Family Life*

Thank God for all the blessings that our families and church families bring to our lives. Pray especially for those families who are struggling with broken relationships and ask God to bring forgiveness, healing and reconciliation.

Thursday 14th March - Psalm 142 Mission Partners

Remember the Lowry's in Senegal as they continue translation work. Pray for good health spiritually and physically and that God will encourage them in this difficult and long term work. Pray for Paul Hunter as he settles into his new role in Lancashire, serving in a local parish. Ask God to help him as he adjusts to life back home.

Friday 15th March - Psalm 143 Growth in Faith

Pray that all of us will have a desire to grow in faith and to deepen our relationship with the Lord. Pray specifically about something you could do in the coming weeks to help you grow in maturity as a disciple of Christ.

Saturday 16th March - Psalm 144 Evangelism

Pray for both our churches as we continue to seek ways of reaching out to our parishes with the good news of Jesus. Ask God to lead us and to prepare hearts to respond to the gospel.

Sunday 17th March - Psalm 145 *Communion Service*

Pray that in our times of remembrance this morning Christ will be central and we will be thankful to God for all He has done for us through Christ in order to reconcile us to Himself. Pray that our worship will be pleasing to Him as we praise and thank Him together.

Monday 18th March - Psalm 146 Bookstall

Thank God for this great resource and pray that more people will take advantage of what is on offer. Thank God for those who take the time to manage it practically.

Tuesday 19th March - Psalm 147 Toddler Groups

Praise God for faithful team members in both our churches who have loved and cared for families over many years. Pray that some of these families will want to become more involved with other church activities and that many years of faithfulness will see fruit.

Wednesday 20th March - Psalm 148 Women's Groups

Pray for the different groups as they study God's word, pray together and support one another. Pray that they will know how much God loves them and how much He values them as they serve Him within home, workplace and church.

Thursday 21st March - Psalm 149 Government

"Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen." (House of Commons Prayer)

Friday 22nd March - Psalm 150 Youth Weekend Away

As our young people and leaders enjoy their weekend away pray for a safe, fun time, an opportunity to learn more of Christ, ask questions and be encouraged together. Pray for any who may not yet know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, that God's Spirit will be at work in them. Pray for strength for those who lead and for an enjoyable and profitable time for all.

Saturday 23rd March - Psalm 1 Personal Evangelism

Pray earnestly that in the coming week each of us will recognise the opportunities that God gives us to speak for Him. Pray that we will be bold and sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday 24th March - Psalm 2 Sunday Services

Pray today for all those who lead and teach on Sunday's. Ask God to continue teaching them so that they can faithfully teach us. Pray that they will be encouraged as they pray and spend time in God's word.

Monday 25th March - Psalm 3 The Bereaved

Pray for those in our churches and those known to us who are coming to terms with the loss of a loved one. Pray that they will know God's comfort and sustaining grace and that we will be sensitive as we seek to offer practical help and emotional support. **Tuesday 26th March - Psalm 4** *Men's Meetings*

Pray for those who attend Word at the Wheatsheaf (today) and the monthly breakfast meeting, that they will grow in faith and in the love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Pray for all who lead, to be taught by God's Spirit and to teach others faithfully.

Wednesday 27th March - Psalm 5 Safeguarding

Pray that we will all be aware of our responsibility to safeguard those we are in contact with through church activities. Pray especially for those who have particular roles in this area both within our churches and at Diocesan level. that God will equip and enable them to be wise and to carry out their roles effectively.

Thursday 28th March - Psalm 6 Cleaning Team

Thank God for the teams who work so hard behind the scenes to keep our church buildings clean and tidy. Pray that they will find joy and fellowship in serving the Lord and the church families in this way.

Friday 29th March - Psalm 7 Mission Partners

Pray for St Luke's Mission Partners, MAF, Leprosy Mission and Gideons. Pray that the prayers and practical support given will help these missions to bring hope and healing to those who are "without Christ and without hope". **Saturday 30th March - Psalm 8** *Thanksgiving*

We have so much to thank God for. We all take so many things for granted, so as we reflect on the last month, why not thank Him for something that you have never thanked Him for before.

Sunday 31st March - Psalm 9 Mothering Sunday

A family service today and an opportunity to thank God for the blessings that come to us through mothers. Pray for God's help for all who take part in the service and for new families to join us and feel welcome. Pray that every aspect of the service will be pleasing to Him and help all ages to know more about God's love for them and His desire for them to know Him personally.

Space to add the names of family members or friends who do not yet believe, or who are in particular need at the moment



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