



St Andrew's Kirk Ella and St Luke's Willerby Prayer Diary for March 2020

We will explore with anyone who will listen to 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)

Sunday 1st March - Psalm 45 Revival

Let's be ambitious with our prayers. On St David's Day remember the Welsh revival of the early twentieth century, its impact and legacy. Let's pray for revival in East Yorkshire. Pray that in our day we would see a move of the Spirit of God totally transforming lives and institutions.

Monday 2nd March - Psalm 46 The Persecuted Church

Pray today for those imprisoned, discriminated against, denied employment, denied freedom of worship and access to scriptures. Ask that their witness would convict their persecutors. Remember in prayer the families of those who have been called to pay the ultimate sacrifice for being unwilling to deny their Saviour. Pray for financial and spiritual support for these families.

Tuesday 3rd March - Psalm 47 Installation

Pray for John Telford whose installation service is held today. Ask God to richly bless his ministry amongst us. Commit to uphold John in prayer (together with his wife Liz and son Joshua), not just on this special occasion, but on a regular basis.

Wednesday 4th March - Psalm 48 St Luke's Friendship Club

As the Friendship Club meets at St Luke's this afternoon thank God for these regular opportunities to meet together to extend friendship and share the love of God. Thank God for those who give their time to this activity. Pray that those who attend will be richly rewarded, experiencing Christian love in action.

Thursday 5th March - Psalm 49 Bible Reading

Thank God for the availability of bible reading aides whether print, audio or internet based. Ask that we might use these resources wisely as supplements to our personal, prayerful reflection on scripture. Pray that we would be disciplined when allocating time in busy lives for this essential element of our spiritual growth.

Friday 6th March - Psalm 50 Our riches

Pray for those who are afflicted by poverty, the victims of natural disasters, those impacted by warfare and insurrection. Pray for agencies, such as Tearfund, that share God's love by responding when disaster strikes and working longer term with local churches to help people escape from extreme poverty. Pray for God's guidance as to how we should balance our prayer support with financial resourcing.

Saturday 7th March - Psalm 51 Marriage

As Josh and Lizzie celebrate their wedding at St Andrew's today ask for God's blessing on their marriage. Pray for the institution of marriage that its biblical principles and positive effects on society will increasingly be valued. Pray against those influences in our society that lead to marriage break down.

**Sunday 8th March - Psalm 52 Commencement of West Hull Churches mission
*Come and See***

As we look forward to a range of opportunities under the banner of the Come and See initiative pray for impact on our communities. Pray for inspiring events and speakers that reflect Jesus. Remember in your prayers our regular activities.

Monday 9th March - Psalm 53 Come and See

Pray for the *Come and See* activities arranged for today (James Carey Sacred Art of Joking) and tomorrow (Mission to Dendros at the Memorial Hall). Pray that these will prove attractive events appealing to broad cross sections of our communities and be part of the journey to faith for some of our neighbours.

Tuesday 10th March - Psalm 54 Celebration

As the Jewish community celebrates Purim (if unfamiliar re-visit the sermon series on Esther for context) pray for those missions working in Israel and amongst Jewish communities worldwide making known the good news of Jesus as Messiah. Ask God to bless existing Messianic Christian congregations and their witness. Pray for protection against anti-semitic rhetoric and violence.

Wednesday 11th March - Psalm 55 Word at the W heatsheaf

Thank God that we live in a society where it is still possible to meet and talk openly about Him. May we use our privileges wisely to build each other up as we share experiences and ponder scripture together.

Thursday 12th March - Psalm 56 Proclaiming Good News

Continue to pray for the Come and See initiative. "A mission will not bring people to faith unless Christians are actively praying for, and making friends with, people outside the household of faith" (Diocese website).

Friday 13th March - Psalm 57 Impact Weekend Away

Pray for safety, good fun and growing maturity in God for our youth on their away weekend. Uphold the leaders in prayer as they take responsibility and guide our youth. May we value our young people as part of the church today, as well as an investment in the church of the future.

Saturday 14th March - Psalm 58 Mission Partners

Pray for the Lowrys in Senegal and the Myers in Ethiopia. Pray for God's light to shine in areas of darkness on the vast continent of Africa. Ask God to lead and inspire these couples. Pray for their encouragement and the overcoming of all obstacles for their work and daily lives. Pray for health, both physical and spiritual.

Sunday 15th March - Psalm 59 Sunday Services

Thank God for those who faithfully teach us each week. May we have open ears to understand what God is saying to us and to be willing to act in response.

Monday 16th March - Psalm 60 Persevering

Following the formal conclusion of the *Come and See* week continue to pray for opportunities to follow up with those who have ventured into church, or attended another event. May we be alert to opportunities and intent to continue to share the good news.

Tuesday 17th March - Psalm 61 Toddler Groups

Thank God for those who attend the weekly toddler groups at St Andrew's (Tuesday) and St Luke's (Wednesday). May this, for many, be the commencement of a lifelong journey with Jesus.

Wednesday 18th March - Psalm 62 Parental Responsibilities

Thank God for the privileges of parental responsibility. Pray for children and youth to honour their parents. Pray for parents to be wise, loving and, when necessary,

self sacrificing in decisions about family life. Pray against the influences of our increasingly secular society on Christian families.

Thursday 19th March - Psalm 63 Our Environment

On this first day of Spring thank God for the wonderful world that He created. Ask for forgiveness for the way in which humankind has selfishly misused our environment. Prayerfully commit to personal responsibility for environmentally responsible lifestyles.

Friday 20th March - Psalm 64 Church Family

Pray for those who have recently experienced bereavement, or major illness of family members. Pray that life circumstances will draw people towards God rather than fleeing from Him. Pray for those with long term illness and their families. Pray for those who experience loneliness due to infirmity and/or family dispersal. Pray for those confined to retirement homes. Pray for God's prompting to visit.

Saturday 21st March - Psalm 65 Mission Partners

Pray for the work of the Gideons, Leprosy Mission and Mission Aviation Fellowship. Thank the Lord for their roles in the provision of scriptures, care for the needy and logistical support for other ministries. Pray for current needs of human and financial resource and for wisdom in responding to the challenges faced.

Sunday 22nd March - Psalm 66 Mothering Sunday

Pray for those for whom motherhood is a joy and privilege. Pray for those for whom motherhood is challenging. Pray for those whose own experience of family life is not what they might have chosen.

Monday 23rd March - Psalm 67 Schools Work

Thank God for the opportunities to make Jesus known in our local schools. Pray for the 'Open the Book' initiative, for all those involved and its impact on hearers of the message (both students and staff). Pray for the Christian Union group and its meetings. Pray for Christian teachers and students, the daily challenges that they face as they seek faithfully to witness to Jesus and not compromise their faith.

Tuesday 24th March - Psalm 68 Growth Groups

Pray for those who lead our growth groups that they may strike an appropriate balance between teaching, encouraging, trusting and learning. Pray that the pressures of working lives can be balanced with commitment and input into growth groups, and other church activities, without detriment to family life.

Wednesday 25th March - Psalm 69 Our Nation

Pray for our leaders (whatever our personal views about them) both local and national. Pray for those with responsibility for our public services (e.g. health, police, justice). Pray that the notion of service will outweigh personal agendas and that biblical principles will not be discarded, but increasingly recognised and valued by those in authority.

Thursday 26th March - Psalm 70 St Luke's Prayer Meeting

Ask that God empowers our prayer life, directing us towards those most in need of prayer support and reminding us of the answers we have received. May this regular ministry at St Luke's, together with the Tuesday and, weekly Friday meetings, at St Andrew's be increasingly valued as powerhouses of our spiritual life and progress.

Friday 27th March - Psalm 71 Outreach

Pray for the work at the Boulevard including the Breakfast Club and the support given to needy families. Pray that the sharing of God's love and compassion will speak into the lives of many.

Saturday 28th March - Psalm 72 Mission Partners

Pray for the Griffiths in Myanmar and the Moores in Papua New Guinea. Pray for their wisdom in handling cultural and legal expectations of the environments in which they work, finding creative ways to make Jesus accessible, and relevant, to the lives of those they encounter.

Sunday 29th March - Psalm 73 Time for God

As clocks have gone forward let us commit use our time faithfully. Pray for today's services, those who lead and those who serve in many wide ranging capacities (teaching Sunday school, musicians, Churchwarden responsibilities, rota duties etc). Pray that we are faithful worshipping congregations committed to each other and making Jesus known, not only within our church buildings, but also in our daily interactions.

Monday 30th March - Psalm 74 St Andrew's PCC

Pray that God will guide all those holding responsibilities as members of the PCC. Pray for unity of purpose, prayerful discussions, graceful conclusions and transparency of communication. Scripture requires us to pray for our leaders, let's do so gladly and wholeheartedly thanking Him for the skills of those called to this service.

Tuesday 31st March - Psalm 75 Praise and Thanks

Praise God for who He is; His attributes and character. Look back over the last month and thank Him for observable answers to prayers (even those answers which did not align with our desires). For issues that remain unresolved, thank God that He hears us and affirm that His timing is perfect.

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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