

MONDAY 22nd

Father God, we praise and thank You that You are a God who understands the frailties and fears that we face in our daily lives. We ask You for Your abundant grace and never-failing strength, so that we may face life's difficulties with confidence knowing that Your grace is sufficient to deal with every eventuality.

TUESDAY 23rd

Giver of Wisdom, give us Your grace and Your strength to face all the issues we may encounter today, with a heart that is willing to pray, "Your will not mine be done."

WEDNESDAY 24th

Lord, thank You for providing for our daily needs and for the many blessing that You shower over each one of us with such abundance. Thank You for our daily food, our home, our health and the love that we share together. Thank You for Jesus, who died on the cross to pay the price for our sins and thank You for the indwelling Holy Spirit, who leads and guides and protects us day-by-day.

THURSDAY 25th

Father, forgive us for the times when we have neglected to keep Jesus central in our lives and for the times when we have not shown the love of Jesus to one another. As Your grace is available for us, keep us mindful of the need to grow in grace with others at home and in the wider world.

FRIDAY 26th

Dear God, give us the ability to live in this world without being affected by its critical spirit and give us the understanding and grace to love others as Christ has loved us, to consider the needs and desires of others and to value other people above ourselves even though we may face criticism.

HEALTH AND HEALING

'One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back praising God in a loud voice.'

Luke 17:15

SATURDAY 27th

Lord Jesus, bless all who are unwell today. We pray for all who are struggling with long-term ill health and sickness of body, mind or spirit. May You comfort them and bring Your healing touch.

SUNDAY 28th

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who have ailments that the doctors cannot diagnose or treat. Lord, You know exactly what is wrong and we pray that You would direct them toward the right treatment and enable it to be cured.

MONDAY 29th

Loving Lord, we lift up to You, all who are currently in hospital. Be with them every moment of the day and night. Calm their fears and their worries as Jesus Christ promised to take all our burdens from us.

TUESDAY 30th

Caring Father, may our hospitals be caring and understanding environments. Be with the staff who attend their patients and we pray that both staff and patients are aware of Your presence every moment of their day.

WEDNESDAY 31st

Ever present and Merciful God, we thank You that we can call on You in times of trouble or illness or loneliness and know that You are always there to hear and answer, to heal, comfort and help. Lord, we pray that You would help us to apply this truth in our lives – not just when we are poorly.



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

JANUARY Prayer Diary



'Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man'

Proverbs 3:3-4

BUSINESS, WORK, EMPLOYMENT

MONDAY 1st

Almighty God, as we rest today, may we reflect on the past year and thank You for all blessings. May we walk close by You this coming year making resolutions to bring praise to Your Holy name.

TUESDAY 2nd

Father God, be with those returning to their places of employment today so that others may sense Your presence. We pray that You will work through people in the workplace by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAY 3rd

Lord God, may You be glorified in places of business. We pray You will be Lord over everything that is said and done in offices and meeting rooms.

THURSDAY 4th

Holy Spirit, help us to depend on you wholly today. Renew our faith and fill us with Your love. We pray for those who find the thought of another year ahead difficult or painful for them in their job or personal life. Draw close and comfort them.

FRIDAY 5th

Dear God, thank You for all those who are in employment, for the work they do, for employers and co-workers. May each task be performed with diligence, patience and to the best of their ability. Pray every day this week for people in your street

HOMES AND HOSPITALITY

'And everyone who has left houses...for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.'

Matthew 19:29

SATURDAY 6th

Loving Father, may we be thankful for our homes, for comfortable beds, for warmth, safety and shelter this winter. May we never be complacent or forget that many do not have such comforts.

SUNDAY 7th

God of Compassion, Your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus Your precious Son who began His life in a humble stable. We pray for those who cannot heat their homes this winter or who live in dwellings that have fallen into disrepair. Father, draw them near, bless them and give them comfort.

MONDAY 8th

God of us all, bless the homeless this day and every day. Keep them from physical and emotional harm. Fill their hearts with hope for the future and comfort them as they walk a difficult path.

TUESDAY 9th

Lord Jesus, we especially pray for children who are homeless. They are so vulnerable when they have no safe place to call their own. Bless those who work to provide them and their families with food, shelter and friendship.

WEDNESDAY 10th

Lord of comfort and hope, help us to be God's hospitality in our lives. May we remember to listen, smile and offer a helping hand and comforting words whenever the opportunity arises.

THURSDAY 11th

Lord Jesus Christ, give us eyes to see the deepest needs of others just as You did. Give us hearts full of love for our neighbours as well as strangers that we meet ... just as You did.

FRIDAY 12th

Dear Lord, we may find it difficult to share our homes but Your word directs us to be generous. Guide us and help us to be hospitable whenever appropriate so that others may find our homes a place of solace and refuge.

THE PRAYERS OF SOLOMON

Adapted from 1 Kings 8:56-61

SATURDAY 13th

Solomon prayed for God's presence; May the Lord our God always be with us to the end of our days and never leave us or forsake us.

SUNDAY 14th

Solomon prayed for the desire to do God's will in everything; May God turn our hearts to Him, to be fully committed to Him and to walk in obedience with Him all the days of our life.

MONDAY 15th

Solomon prayed for the desire and ability to obey God's decrees and commands; Give us obedient hearts, Father, so that we may keep Your laws and obey Your commands.

TUESDAY 16th

Solomon prayed for help with each day's needs; Father, may the words of our prayers in the day and the night be heard by You and be pleasing to You. We pray that, if it is Your will, our prayers will be answered.

WEDNESDAY 17th

Solomon prayed for the spread of God's Kingdom to the entire world; God of Wisdom, may all the peoples of this world know that there is only one God and no other.

THURSDAY 18th

Father God, as we read our Bibles, may we be inspired by prophets and Holy, obedient men and women so that we may remain faithful to You and pray regularly for our friends, our family and our church.

FRIDAY 19th

Loving Father, we pray that You will be in control of our lives from start to finish. We confess any wrongdoings and ask for strength to resist temptations.

GRACE

'In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he has lavished on us.' Ephesians 1:7-8

SATURDAY 20th

Dear Lord, we need Your daily grace. May we know You as the Shepherd of our lives and may our fears be dissolved by faith in You and through the power of Your love and grace.

SUNDAY 21st

Dear Lord, help us to love and manifest the spirit of love under all circumstances to all people. May our lives show glory to You, be a help to others and be rewarding to us.