

HOPE

'The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.'

Deuteronomy 31:8

SUNDAY 21st

Lord Jesus, You are the hope of all who trust in You, the wisdom of all who serve You and the uniter of all who worship You. We thank You for Your presence in our lives.

MONDAY 22nd

Dear Lord, fill us all with strength and boldness according to Your promises that we might connect with each other in love and bring the message of hope to all. You provide us with perfect love at all times and have given us everything we need. Increase our faith, we pray, and help us through the rocky times.

TUESDAY 23rd

Father God, thank you that in a world of despair, You are our Hope. In a world of darkness, You are our Light. In a world of sorrow, You are our joy.

WEDNESDAY 24th

Giver of Wisdom, our only hope is in You. We thank You for the past, trust You for today and believe for the future; that all Your promises will come to pass so we can rest forever in Your love.

THURSDAY 25th

Our Heavenly Father, as we live through these difficult times, we ask that You bless us with Your peace and hope. Give us strength to face the adversities and to overcome the obstacles to normal living with grace and understanding. Give us hope for the future.

FRIDAY 26th

Father, we come before You today, helpless and weak. We need Your hope for love, kindness and for a better life, Lord. We ask that You fill us from head to toe with Your everlasting light. When we despair help us to walk in Your glorious light.

SATURDAY 27th

Dear God, we pray for Your hand upon all who have been affected by long term illness due to Covid. Bring Your healing touch and we ask that You bless them. We humbly ask for Your healing to restore health and hope, in Jesus' name.

MERCY AND COMPASSION

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

SUNDAY 28th

Dear God, thank You for being a God of compassion and love. Life is hard. Help us to show mercy to others and never let us forget to mirror to others the compassion You have shown us.

MONDAY 29th

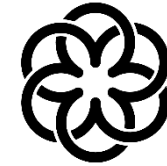
God of Love, no matter how much we grow in Christ, we are still going to fail. Life has taken us into places we don't want to go. And we don't always handle well what is thrown at us. Lord of compassion, we are grateful for Your heart. May we never be complacent.

TUESDAY 30th

Father, give us compassion and humility in our hearts. Let us be kind, gentle, generous, loving, giving and forgiving to others. Give us the strength to help one another with a willing heart, especially those who are lonely, alone, worried or grieving.

'Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.'

Lamentations 3:22-23



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

APRIL Prayer Diary



'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.'

Psalms 46:1-3

NEWNESS OF LIFE

MONDAY 1st

Father, thank You for a fresh start today. Thank You for the reminder of renewal that Spring represents to us in the earth. Prepare us for all the new things you have for our lives. Help us to let go of the old things that hold us back, and help us to keep "springing forward" in our journey with You.

TUESDAY 2nd

Loving Father, draw us closer to You. Search our hearts, renew our spirit and help us to open up our hearts to You. Bring us into alignment with Your Spirit. We are thankful that we know that Your love is an unconditional, everlasting love.

WEDNESDAY 3rd

Dear Lord, thank You for the work You do in us. Teach us Your ways and reveal to us any area where we are not in agreement with Your Word. We pray for a deep revelation and understanding of Your truth.

THURSDAY 4th

Creator God, You teach us about time and seasons through all of the different seasons we experience here on earth. You make things new and beautiful. Lovingly show us how we can be transformed, growing us into who You have created us to be.

FRIDAY 5th

Creator God, we thank You for new life in our gardens, fields and in the wild. We rejoice in Your creation. Holy Spirit, come now into our hearts to give us new life with You.

SATURDAY 6th

Lord, we see the Creator's hand in the emerging of spring flowers, the lengthening of the days and new born lambs in the fields. We thank You for new life. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise and our hearts to love.

MEN

'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.'

Ephesians 4:2-3

SUNDAY 7th

Lord, give wisdom to all men who are leaders in business and in government. Help them to lead with integrity and be an example of You to others.

MONDAY 8th

Loving Father, thank You for sending Jesus to come to us as a perfect example of a godly Man, a Man who demonstrated that godly living means to walk in spirit and truth in obedience to You, His Heavenly Father.

TUESDAY 9th

Father, we pray for all boys and young men who are struggling with discipline, the demands and the expectations of our society. May they know Your love and peace.

WEDNESDAY 10th

Heavenly Father, we pray for men everywhere who are on their own and struggling with the demands of daily living. Give them strength and confidence, we pray, to make them feel worthy.

THURSDAY 11th

Lord, we pray that whatever role men have in their lives, whether father, son, brother, uncle or husband, that they may discover and live out their God-given purpose, to pursue only the goals that will bring glory to You, our Saviour.

FRIDAY 12th

Heavenly Father, we lift up to You the men of our nation. Guide and direct them and help them to seek righteousness so that they are role models to the younger generation.

SATURDAY 13th

Father God, we pray for men around the world. May Your Holy Spirit reveal to them their value and their purpose. Help them in their daily lives to hunger and thirst for Your word.

FAITH

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Colossians 3:15

SUNDAY 14th

Lord, we confess we forget the truth that Your love is endless. You protect us completely and fully from anything that might arise. Sometimes we feel alone and without any protection. We repent of that worry and fear and trust in Your goodness toward us.

MONDAY 15th

Loving Father, help us believe and live out the truth that You are always close, always protecting us, always watching over every step of our lives. Thank You Lord for Your great love.

TUESDAY 16th

God of peace, You are our strength and our salvation in a world of hurt, anguish, worry and fear. By the mighty power of Your Spirit, lift us up as we pray to You for rest and reassurance in Your loving arms. May we always know that You are our God, and that Your grace can overcome any fear or worry we may have.

WEDNESDAY 17th

God of Power, when we feel crushed by our worries and anxieties, help us to see the truth in all that You are. When fear grips us free our hearts and help us to take things one step at a time with You by our side.

THURSDAY 18th

God of Wisdom, calm us in these troubled times with Your quiet words of love and devotion. We choose to trust in You, each day, each hour, each moment and we know that we can cast our cares on You, for by giving Your life on the cross, You have set us free.

FRIDAY 19th

Father God, we pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit so that we will keep Your essential commands; to believe in Christ, to love one another and to confess our sins.

SATURDAY 20th

Loving Father, May our faith in You help us to conquer our fears. May worry fall by the wayside, let doubt flee and allow our hope in You to flourish. Father, we cannot do this without You. Let the joy You bring emerge and bubble within us and infect those around us.