

THURSDAY 22nd

Heavenly Father, as Jesus resisted temptation by the devil in the wilderness, help us to reflect on His faithfulness to God, His rejection of worldly values. May we hold these thoughts in our hearts throughout Lent and beyond.

FRIDAY 23rd

God of mercy and source of justice, pour on Your people such love and compassion that we cannot remain silent, we cannot tolerate injustice and poverty. During Lent, as Your grace fills our hearts, may we be stirred into action to demonstrate Your love for all the world and for all creatures that live and move on this earth.

FAITH IN FAMILIES

'I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.'
2 Timothy 1:5

SATURDAY 24th

God of the heavens and the earth, may we not hide our love for You from family members but let them know about our faith in Jesus and be sure they see Christ's love, His peace and His joy in us.

SUNDAY 25th

Creator God, when we are with our families, among the people who know us best, may our faith in You shine through. Help us to be thoughtful and loving, even through difficulties. Help us to honour and respect each other, caring for others as we care for ourselves.

MONDAY 26th

God our Provider, we pray that the message of Christ and His sacrifice is the root of gratitude in our hearts and that His gracious gift leads us to thankful living, setting an example for our families. Lead us to do everything in the name of Jesus and give thanks to You through Him.

TUESDAY 27th

Father, we pray that the non-believers in our families will have their own relationship with Jesus one day, and that You would grow gratitude in their hearts out of the acceptance of Jesus as their Saviour.

WEDNESDAY 28th

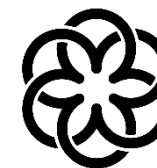
Lord, when we gather together to share a meal with our families, may we bring praise to You for putting us together as family. Thank You for our food. Guide our mealtime conversations and steer our hearts to Your purpose for our lives.

THURSDAY 29th

Heavenly Father, thank You for the comfort of family. We pray for families where trust is broken through abuse and/or abandonment and we pray for Your protection and Your guardianship of hearts and minds.

Prayer for our Parish Vacancy

Loving God,
As we journey together through this period of vacancy in our parish,
we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us.
At this time of uncertainty and change
we ask that you send us your Holy Spirit,
to fill us with your vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer. Amen.



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

FEBRUARY Prayer Diary



THURSDAY 1st

Dear Heavenly Father, bless our health service to thrive, to prosper, and to heal. Bless our doctors and nurses to care and to bring healing. Bless our nation to understand, thank, and honour those who seek to bring us health.

FRIDAY 2nd

Lord, stand by the side of those who await a forthcoming operation. Send Your Spirit to bring peace and comfort to the patient and confidence into the hands, hearts and minds of those who are in charge.

FRIENDS and FRIENDSHIP

“Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.”

1 John 4:11

SATURDAY 3rd

Loving Father, we pray for our friends and ask that You will help them with any struggles they are facing for You know exactly what they need. Draw near to them and let them feel Your presence. Open their eyes, ears, and hearts to You.

SUNDAY 4th

We thank You, Lord, for the gift of friendship, for friends who love us, who share our sorrows, who laugh with us in celebration, who bring comfort when we are in pain and who need us as we need them.

MONDAY 5th

Loving Father, bless our friends with health, joy, peace and love. When their hearts are burdened with sadness, we ask that You would be their comforter, that You would cover them with your infinite grace and mercy and surround them in peace.

TUESDAY 6th

Dear Lord, we pray for those who have a broken relationship with a friend. May they each show the humility and grace that You taught us so that broken bonds may be quickly mended.

WEDNESDAY 7th

Help us Lord to demonstrate Your grace towards our friends at work. Help us also to be able to share Your word at our place of work and be ready and willing to give an answer for what we believe.

THURSDAY 8th

Help us Lord to demonstrate Your grace towards all our friends whether they are new friends or longstanding. Help us also to be able to share Your word when we meet and be ready and willing to give an answer for what we believe.

FRIDAY 9th

Heavenly Father we lift up to You our friends who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. Help us to turn to You in this time of deep distress and surround our dear friends with Your comforting arms of blessing and pour into all our hearts Your peace.

MUSIC

*‘...be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord’
Ephesians 5:18-19*

SATURDAY 10th

Almighty God, we thank You for music which lifts our hearts, calms our fears, and takes us into the presence of Your joy.

SUNDAY 11th

Father, we ask You to bless those who compose, conduct, play and perform music so that the glory of You may be heard in it and be felt in the hearts of all the people who listen.

MONDAY 12th

Lord Jesus Christ whose birth was greeted by the songs of angels, we thank You for the gift of music. May music bring light into darkness and restore hope, well-being, and health.

TUESDAY 13th

God of compassion, bless all those who take part in musical events. Bless the organisers and may their hard work be appreciated by all who attend and result in a joyful celebration of music.

WEDNESDAY 14th

Loving Father, bless the music that has been written to glorify Your name. May the words reach into the hearts of all who listen so that they may draw closer to You.

THURSDAY 15th

Father, we praise You for the blessings of this life and for all the sounds that bring us joy, laughter, birdsong, the voices of loved ones and melodies of music and song.

FRIDAY 16th

Heavenly Father, may our praises in song throughout our churches today unite our hearts, bring glory to Your name, and lift our spirits.

LENT

SATURDAY 17th

Holy Spirit, help us to see this coming Holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate us to reach a new level of experiencing Your grace.

SUNDAY 18th

‘Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate...’ Joel 2:13. Lord, as the Holy season of Lent begins, turn our hearts towards You. May our repentance be truthful and sincere.

MONDAY 19th

‘And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.’ 1 Corinthians 10:13. Loving Father, we thank You that You will help us resist temptations by helping us to recognise the people and the situations that cause us to turn away from You.

TUESDAY 20th

Lord Jesus, we are thirsty and we are weak. Lead us to Your Living Water to refresh us body and soul, for this water will never run dry.

WEDNESDAY 21st

Father God, in this season of Lent, help us to draw nearer to You in praise and take away all that distracts us from worship. Sometimes we find ourselves saying, ‘Tomorrow, I will spend more time in prayer.’ Help us to strengthen our resolve and know our need for You daily.