

THURSDAY 21st

Merciful Father, we pray for women who may be suffering in secret. You know their hearts and what they are going through. Comfort them and give them strength and confidence to make them feel worthy.

FRIDAY 22nd

Dear Lord, on this special day, we give You thanks for mothers everywhere. We thank You for their tenderness, patience, love and care.

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

SATURDAY 23rd

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.

SUNDAY 24th

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.

HOLY WEEK

'He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." Then they remembered his words.'

Luke 24:6-8

MONDAY 25th

Loving Father, give us strength this day to walk faithfully with Jesus, even when the road we walk is rocky and times are hard to bear. Lord, You guide and encourage us through difficult times, do not forsake us.

TUESDAY 26th

Dear Lord, during this week, help us to keep in our minds our Saviour's gift and promise of new, abundant and eternal life for all who believe and trust in Him.

WEDNESDAY 27th

Merciful Lord, we pray that we would not be counted among the doubters hiding in the shadows or deny You as Peter did. We thank You that You are there when we call on Your name to bring comfort and love.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th

Lord God, You sent Your Son into the world and before His time had come, He washed His disciples' feet. Help us to learn from His example; help us to have a humble heart to serve others.

GOOD FRIDAY 29th

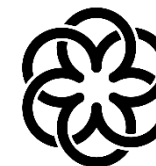
Healing and gentle Lord, when there is trouble, suffering and death and we cry out to You for help as Jesus did on the cross. Be near to us and save us so that we may praise You for Your deliverance.

SATURDAY 30th

Almighty God, as we wait for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, help us to be ever watchful, give us knowledge of His presence with us, that we may be strengthened and serve You continually in righteousness and truth.

EASTER DAY 31st

Lord of Life, You defeated death to show us that we can rise from all that binds us to this earth; pride, envy, anger and fear. Your resurrection has washed away our sins and brought us joy. Halleluia! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Halleluia!



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

MARCH Prayer Diary



'But in your hearts, revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...'

1 Peter 3:15

FRIDAY 1st

Lord of all, help us to be thankful for one another. Help our children to be thankful for each other, for our family to be grateful for each member. May we pray for every member of our family continually. May our gratitude for one another bind us together as a family, and our prayers for each other further unify us in gratitude and love.

INNER CLEANSING

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

John 14:27

SATURDAY 2nd

Father God, may Lent be a time of inward searching that makes us more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world.

SUNDAY 3rd

Forgive us Lord for our apathy, for our lack of courage to speak out. Forgive us when we walk past and don't offer help. Forgive us when we get it wrong.

MONDAY 4th

Loving Father, we confess that we are afraid. We confess our hidden doubts and prejudices and our reluctance to be alongside those who are different from ourselves. We ask that You will lead us into action: give us strength to be a voice crying for justice and peace.

TUESDAY 5th

God of mercy and love let us serve You in our world. Let us not stand aside and tolerate lack of basic human resources, dehumanising practices, or the use of violence to disempower Your people. Give us strength to act and bring Your justice and mercy.

WEDNESDAY 6th

Merciful Father, in Your name we ask that we may be a channel for Your peace and love. Forgive those things we have done which have caused You sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought You joy. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.

THURSDAY 7th

Lord, we confess we are not always eager to do Your will. We pray that You will help us to remember that the Holy Spirit can guide us in the right direction and strengthen our hearts. With a grateful heart, we acknowledge Your love and know that without You, we can do nothing.

FRIDAY 8th

Holy Spirit, when we are feeling proud, arrogant, pleased with ourselves and self sufficient in our ways, remind us that for us You walked a road that took You to a cruel cross, and rose again to show us where we might look for rescue.

COMMUNITY

SATURDAY 9th

Loving Father, we thank You for the social life of our villages and for all who organise the activities. May there always be inspiration, compassion, concern and joy in every activity.

SUNDAY 10th

Gracious Lord, we thank You for all those in our community who give their time helping others, following Your example. We especially think of those who visit people who are lonely or sick and for drivers who offer lifts to surgery or hospital.

MONDAY 11th

Father God, help us in all our interactions with one another to have humble and gentle hearts. Grant us patience, bearing with one another in love.

TUESDAY 12th

Lord, enable our churches to do Your will. Make us outward looking; a community of peacemakers and bridge builders. Help us to pursue what makes for peace and for building one another up.

WEDNESDAY 13th

God of power and love, we pray for the safety of all pedestrians, cyclists, bikers and motorists who use the roads around our parishes. May they acknowledge and respect the beauty and peace of our country setting.

THURSDAY 14th

Father God, we want to strive to be a church that You want to bless. Help us to communicate such joy, such grace and such passion in our worship that we compel others to join the experience of praising You.

FRIDAY 15th

Loving Father, we pray for all members of our congregation that in their life and work they may advance Your kingdom and bear witness to Your love in their lives.

WOMEN

'The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?'

Psalms 27:1

SATURDAY 16th

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

SUNDAY 17th

Father God, we pray for women 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.

MONDAY 18th

Loving Father, we pray for women who must give birth in dangerous or squalid conditions and for women who are fearful because they do not have the resources to care for their children adequately.

TUESDAY 19th

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

WEDNESDAY 20th

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