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MON 1

Thank you Lord for all the key workers who are working to keep our daily lives running as smoothly as possible through this pandemic. The workers who stack the shelves in our shops, collect our refuse, clean our hospitals and deliver our groceries. Please bless all who work behind the scenes to keep our community safe. Amen

TUE 2

Jill Stolberg, Church School Distinctiveness Adviser, invites us to pray for headteachers, in lockdown, making difficult decisions every day for their communities, their pupils and their staff. Pray they will have wisdom, and compassion as they try to make good choices, and for resilience and energy for them to keep going. You might want to pray particularly for headteachers of schools near to your home.



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WED 3

Emma Sargeant, Growing Younger Adviser, invites us to pray for households who are home schooling and for adults who are supporting children and young people as they study in this way. Pray for the children and young people who are learning with these extra pressures, for those working by themselves and for those particularly who would have had GCSE and A level exams this year. We pray for peace and security around their futures.

THU 4

Today is World Cancer Day: Lord, we pray for everyone fighting cancer. Give them hope, courage and comfort. Bless their family, friends and the medical team involved in their life. Amen

FRI 5

When financial stability crumbles, we pray: Generous Lord, deliver us from all envious thoughts, and when we are tempted by the desire for wealth, let us see your face; for your abundance is enough to clothe our lack; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SAT 6

Birmingham city centre feels so strange No people to see, no smiles exchanged The shops are shut, the pubs have closed Vulnerable businesses have been exposed

Being in lockdown is tough for us all When loved ones can't come round to call Maybe home isn't so homely When you're sitting alone and feeling lonely

Lord give us hope and keep us strong We will beat this virus, it won't be long Keep our workers safe, bless them on their way As they keep us safe from day to day

Lets think about others and help them out if we can Because to 'love our neighbour' is a wonderful plan.

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THANKSGIVING

Sunday 7 February

You are invited to pray on Racial Justice Sunday:

Almighty God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son.

Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you.

MON 8

Restless with grief and fear, the abandoned turn to you: in every hour of trial, good Lord, deliver us, O God most holy, God most strong, whose wisdom is the cross of Christ. Amen



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TUE 9

Our souls benefit when we spend time focusing on the good stuff in our lives. Today think of three things you are thankful for and thank the Lord for these.

WED 10

Prayer today is inspired by Psalm 95:1-3 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

THU 11

Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together can't handle. Amen

FRI 12

Today we pray for accountants who with so many businesses under stress are finding that they are having to provide not just financial facts but a counselling service too.

SAT 13

Sometimes it's the smallest act that makes the biggest impact.

Lord, in these difficult times, help us to think of others and what they may be going through. Even a smile or a kind word may help them through the day.

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 14 February

Prayer today is inspired by the song 'Thank You Lord' by Don Moen.

"I come before you today and there's just one thing that I want to say Thank you Lord."


You can listen to this song on YouTube or choose your own.






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MON 15

 Prayer today is inspired by the music 'Holy is the true light' performed by The Birmingham Cathedral Choir. You can listen to this on YouTube or enjoy your favourite hymn.

TUE 16

 Lent is a time of fasting and devotions towards God. While preparing your Shrove Tuesday pancakes: Add sugar to your pancake and thank God for something 'sweet' or good in your life. Add lemon juice to your pancake. Tell God about something 'bitter' or difficult in your life.


WED 17

 Together we pray this prayer for Lent: Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord Amen


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THU 18

 Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to seek for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen

FRI 19


 Lord, when I fall, You lift me up
When I'm weak, You are strong
When I'm lost, You are the way
When I face problems, You comfort me.
You are everything to me.
You are my Lord and You are Faithful
I am yours and You are mine.

SAT 20

 Today we pray inspired by Psalm 62:5-8
"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken. My salvation and my honour depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 21 February

 In our close relationship with God, it's important to thank Him for the blessings you receive.
Today we pray inspired by Psalm 9:1
I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

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MON 22

 God of Hope, in these times of change, unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom. Give us courage to overcome our fears, and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen


TUE 23

 Janet Chapman, St Laurence invites us to pause and give thanks to God for His creation.
Each person is special to God, but each tree, each flower, each blade of grass, each seed, all wonderfully and carefully made, let us treasure them, may they gladden our hearts. Let us praise God for His creation.
Amen
You can watch Janet on our website.

WED 24

 O good Jesus, Word of the Father and brightness of his glory, whom angels desire to behold: teach me to do your will that, guided by your Spirit, I may come to that blessed city of everlasting day, where all are one in heart and mind, where there is safety and eternal peace, happiness and delight, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen

THU 25


 Lord in heaven, hear my prayer, Keep me in your loving care. Be my guide in all I do. Bless all those who love me, too.




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FRI 26


 Heavenly Father, We pray for the Area Deans and the Deanery Support Officers of Aston & Sutton Coldfield, Handsworth & Central and Coleshill & Polesworth.
Lord, we pray for vision, the right skill set and wisdom for each Deanery Project Team. May they grow in unity, as they embark on this challenging and exciting journey. Amen

SAT 27

 Heavenly Father, We pray for the new Area Deans of Warley & Edgbaston, Yardley & Solihull, and the Interim Area Dean of Kings Norton, Moseley & Shirley, that you will equip them with wisdom and strength in their new position and a passion to do your will.
Lord, be their guide as they walk in your peace on this new road. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 28 February

 Thank you Lord for the roof over my head, food on my table and shoes on my feet. Forgive me when I complain and forget that I am blessed. Amen

