

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Heavenly Father, inspire Christian parents, grandparents, staff and friends to pray regularly for the schools their children attend, and offer practical support when needed.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Lord, we pray for our fragmented world. Help us to see all peoples as one in Christ Jesus.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Lord, as we continue to travel through Lent, help us to use this journey to grow in wisdom and prayer.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, enable us to banish any tensions we may have in some of our relationships both past and present. Help us grasp with courage the freedom that life with you will bring as we do so.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, thank you that you have let us know how you struggled with temptation in the wilderness. May we set aside self-indulgence, and live in love and service to you and one another.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Father, make us more aware of the guidance you give us through your gift of your Holy Spirit.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, empower all our congregations, ministers, intercessors and scripture readers and musicians, to make our worship tomorrow acceptable in your sight.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March: International Womens Day. Creator God, you made human beings in your own image and crowned them with glory and honour. We long for both men and women to experience greater respect and dignity so that individuals, communities and nations may flourish.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, we pray for all those who suffer from mental health problems, both old and young. Please give them healing and wholeness through the various agencies working to help them.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of leisure time. Help us never to be too busy for you and those we love.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, bless and empower all those who strive for a fairer and more just society in many parts of your world.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Dear Lord Jesus, as we look back on our journey of faith, help us to remember that it is founded on you alone.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Father, we thank you for all the gifts you shower upon us. Help us always to be grateful.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, we give you thanks for your Holy Word, the Bible. Help us to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it regularly.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, bless this day to us and all with whom we shall share fellowship in our times of Worship.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Lord God, help us to a further and great understanding of the immensity of who you are.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, we give you thanks for all the people in our lives who have by word or action have deepened our faith and our love for you.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Thank you Lord for immigrants to Britain from other countries who make such a great contribution to our lives through their hard work, intellectual and creative gifts, traditions, cultures and wealth.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March: God our Father, we give you thanks for all who strive to be good fathers to their children. Bless them and enable them to fulfil your calling to this vital responsibility.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Father, please bless all those who are called to the Priesthood. May they be affirmed in that calling.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Thank you Lord for all our church buildings. May we always find within them peace and sanctuary, recognising that they are houses of prayer.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Lord, we thank you for rural churches and local ministers. Please encourage people to growth in their Christian faith and to reach out to others.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Dear Lord, give us all the gift of health and strength to accomplish all the requirements and responsibilities of this day.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Lord our God, help us to be good listeners and tactful speakers.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, we pray for all those at St. Margaret's who are involved in the Night Shelter, and the food and furniture service provided by FIND. Bless those who administer them and those who use them.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: We give thanks for June & Peter Youngs as they help us respond in prayer for those in need through the use of the Prayer Chain and the Prayer Tree.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Dear Lord, grant to those who head up the initiative of the monthly Café Church and the Sunday afternoon Family Gathering, and also to those who attend, a sense of fellowship with each other and also with you.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, bless our Mothers Union and our House Groups as they seek to extend their love and encouragement to all their members.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, bless all who will minister to us this day in Sacrament, Word, Worship and Music.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Lord, we pray for the Inspire Ipswich initiative amongst out town churches. May we be encouraging and supportive, and also contribute our gifts to this project of sharing our faith with others.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Grant Lord to us all, your blessings as we complete this month of prayer. Open our eyes to see your answers to our prayers.

## **ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH IPSWICH**



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