

Friday 1 Feb: We pray for those who have an important decision to make this month. For God's wisdom and guidance.

Saturday 2 Feb: Candlemas Day. Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Sunday 3 Feb: We pray for the Winter Night Shelter, and for the concert in church this afternoon raising funds to enable guests to continue being cared for there.

Monday 4 Feb: For those who are mentally ill but who are unable to share their predicament with others.

Tuesday 5 Feb: At the start of the Chinese New Year we pray for the country of China, and in particular for Christians living there who cannot worship openly.

Wednesday 6 Feb: Lord, help us to give and not to count the cost.

Thursday 7 Feb: Help us Lord to appreciate the little things in life as well as the bigger ones.

Friday 8 Feb: We thank you for leisure time and pray that you would help us to use that time wisely.

Saturday 9 Feb: Thank you Lord for the gift of running water. Help us never to take it for granted.

Sunday 10 Feb: We pray for our CMS Mission Partners in Bangalore, Rhena and Eric Clouston. We thank you for their fellowship and pray for their safety and wellbeing. Also for Kitty and Sam their children.

Monday 11 Feb: We pray for all who are involved in counselling or listening services such as the Samaritans and CAMHS. We thank God for the work they do with the vulnerable.

Tuesday 12 Feb: Praise God for the joy and comfort that pet animals bring to us.

Wednesday 13 Feb: We pray for Andy, our Verger /Administrator in all that he does to keep our church running well.

Thursday 14 Feb: Valentines Day. We pray for those who feel unloved, or who have broken relationships. For families in conflict.

Friday 15 Feb: Stop what you are doing, be silent and give thanks to God.

Saturday 16 Feb: The school half term holidays begin today. We ask for God's rest and refreshment to be with all staff and pupils through the coming week.

Sunday 17 Feb: We pray for the different ethnic communities in our town. For racial harmony and understanding. We pray especially for refugees

Monday 18 Feb: We give thanks for our hospital and all who work there. For all patients and volunteers.

Tuesday 19 Feb: Thank you Lord for the wonder of modern medicine. We pray for those involved in researching and developing new treatments.

Wednesday 20 Feb: We pray for people who have recently been diagnosed with an illness. May they and their families find support to help them come to terms with their situation.

Thursday 21 Feb: We pray for the unemployed and for those facing job interviews. And for those who for whatever reason are unable to work.

Friday 22 Feb: Lord, we thank you for the lengthening days and the first signs of spring on its way. We ask that you help us to preserve our countryside and wildlife for the benefit of future generations.

Saturday 23 Feb: We thank you Lord for writers and poets who inspire us to think in different ways. Help us to appreciate the opinions of others and forgive us when we are arrogant.

Sunday 24 Feb: We thank you that you are the God of second chances. Help us to reflect your mercy in our attitudes to others.

Monday 25 Feb: We pray for all carers. Help us to support those who are supporting others on a daily basis.

Tuesday 26 Feb: Lord be with all those in our local residential and care homes. We pray for those who work with the elderly: for kindness, understanding and patience.

Wednesday 27 Feb: We pray for all our young people. For their emotional wellbeing, physical safety and spiritual wholeness as they grow older.

Thursday 28 Feb: We thank you Lord for all that has been good about this month. Help us to move forward in hope and expectation of your promises fulfilled in our lives and the lives of others.

# St Margaret's Prayer Diary

February 2019

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