



# ST.MARGARET'S CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

## MAY 2018

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*In preparing this month's Prayer Diary for May I have used New Testament readings from this year's daily Lectionary.*

Tue 1, 1Peter 1.13-end,

*"..love one another deeply, from the heart.."*

Lord, show us how to be holy in the way we face the complications of our day. Help us to be kind.

Wed 2, 1Peter 2.1-10

*"..rid yourselves of malice.."*

Lord, in a world where anonymous malice and false witness are so easy to deliver through the internet and social media, change the hearts of those who seek pleasure in harming others in this way.

Thur 3, 1Peter 2.11-end

*"..to every authority instituted by me.."*

Lord, as Ipswich goes to the polls today pray for the choices that are made and those that are chosen.

Fri 4, 1Peter 3.1-12

*"..live in harmony with one another..",*

Lord, we pray for the healing of division in our lives, families, Town and Country. We pray for reconciliation for nations in or recovering from conflict

Sat 5, 1Peter 3.13-end

*"..do not be frightened.."*

Pray for prisoners of anxiety. Pray for the hope that Jesus's love brings into fearful lives.

Sun 6, John 15.9-17

*"..that your joy may be complete.."*

Pray for people struggling with depression, isolation and personal circumstances. Help us find joyfulness and lightness of Spirit in troubled times and troubled places.

Mon 7, 1Peter 4.1-11

*"..offer hospitality to one another.."*

Pray for the willingness and opportunity to support and care for people in need of friendship, food or shelter.

Tue 8, 1Peter 4.12-end

*"..if you suffer as a Christian.."*

Pray for Christians living where it is dangerous to follow Christ. Pray for tolerance, courage in Christian Mission and protection for those living in fear of religious persecution.

Wed 9, 1Peter.5

*"..shepherds of God's flock...eager to serve.."*

Pray for the Church's Leaders, Clergy, Readers and Leadership Teams. Pray that they are always led by the passion to serve others rather than self.

Thur 10 Luke 24.44-53

*"..then he opened their minds.."*

Pray for the opening of minds to find You in the mystery of Life and the wonder of our World, as Friend, Companion, Lord

Fri 11,1 John 1.1-2.6

*"we deceive ourselves..the truth is not in us.."*

Pray that the hunger for Truth and respect may grow amid the noise, confusion, prejudice and false promises of our modern world.

Sat 12 1John 2.7-17

*"..whoever loves his brother lives in the light.."*

Pray for the light of Christ in the dark places of greed, envy, blame and self-pride that deny us the ability to love understand and value people different to ourselves.

Sun 13 John17.6-19

*"..My prayer is not that you take them out of the world.."*

Pray, as Jesus prayed, for protection for disciples and the growth and nurture of discipleship in the world.

Mon 14 1John 2.18-end

*"..this is what he promised us - even eternal life.."*

Pray for people known to us who are approaching the end of their lives, those travelling with them in love, confusion or fear and for the work of palliative care.

Tue 15 1John 3.1-10

*"..everyone who sins breaks the law.."*

Pray for Justice and those who uphold the Law. Pray for victims of crime and the ability to forgive and heal. Pray for transformative help for prisoners to sin no more.

Wed 16 1John 3.11-end

*"..sees his brother in need but has no pity.."*

Pray for international charity and aid. Pray for charities affected by the behaviour of their workers so that those in need do not lose out whilst these problems are solved

Thur 17 Acts 1.1-11

*"..why do you stand looking upwards.."*

Pray for the experience of losing partner, child, parent, friend. As your disciples 'saw you no more' lead us through the experience of loss, guided by your Spirit.

Fri 18 1John 4 7-end

*"..perfect love drives out fear.."*

Pray for counsellors, health workers and pastoral carers and for guidance for ourselves as we encounter fearfulness or people trapped by anxiety of any kind.

Sat 19 1John 5

*"..we are children of God.."*

Pray for Childhood. Give thanks for children growing in stable loving families and pray for those less fortunate, through no fault of their own, that they too can enjoy the experience of safety and loving care

Sun 20 Acts 2.1-12

*"..I will pour out my Spirit.."*

On this day of Pentecost, as in Jerusalem, pray, for the outpouring of the Spirit on the people and peoples who live in our Country today.

Mon 21 Romans 1.1-17,

*"..I am bound to both Greek and non-Greeks.."*

Pray for Unity between Nations and protection from the cruelties of nationalism that divide neighbours and neighbourhoods.

Tue 22 Romans 1.18-end,

*"They worshipped and served created things.."*

Pray for people addicted to buying things beyond their needs or means. Pray also for our High Street, shoppers, street entertainers and the people that work and serve there.

Wed 23 Romans 2.1-16

*"..God does not show favouritism.."*

Pray for tolerance and even-handedness in our actions and judgements and those of public authorities and private institutions.

Thur 24, Romans,2.17-end

*"you..who teach others do you not teach yourself.."*

Pray for education and for educators that they may have the time and opportunity to listen and learn as they help others gain knowledge understanding and discernment.

Fri 25 Romans 3.1-20

*"..through the Law we become conscious of sin.."*

Pray for people who find it difficult to control their feelings or behaviour and for people with behavioural disorders so that they can find the support they need.

Sat 26 Romans,3.21-end

*"..the redemption that came by Jesus Christ.."*

Pray for evangelism in our time that can speak to the sceptic and find a space for Faith beyond and beside our senses reason and science

Sun 27 John 3.1-17

*"..the wind blows wherever it pleases.."*

Pray for spiritual space in busy lives to cleanse refresh and restore. Pray for spiritual wind to thrill with new hope lives stuck in joyless or monotonous places.

Mon 28 Romans 4.1-12

*"..and it was credited to him.."*

Pray for people denied the opportunity to earn a living wage. Pray for families struggling to make ends meet. Pray for an end to poverty in the world.

Tue 29 Romans 4.13-end

*"..I have made you a father of many nations.."*

Pray for nations in conflict, for diplomacy, reconciliation and peace and an unswerving commitment to turn away from tyranny, oppression and the terror of War

Wed 30 Romans 5.1-11

*"..God has poured out his love into our hearts.."*

Pray for people driven by hatred and resentment, Pray for oppressors and predators, Pray for people and gangs who validate themselves through violent acts. Pray that the Love of God can transform damaged and broken lives with loving purpose

Thur 31, Romans 5.12-end,

*"..grace and the gift of righteousness.."*

Give thanks for the assurance of forgiveness through Christ's death and resurrection and the experience of Grace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

