

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

Hallelujah! For lord our God omnipotent reigneth!

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

We pray for wisdom in our lives, not foolishness. In the dark times we pray for hope, not despair.

Help us to remember in the darkest of those times, in our families and in the nations of world, that the lord our God omnipotent reigns.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

As Spring is here again, we thank God for the yearly demonstration of his power in nature. We confess that we have not always been good stewards of his creation, spoiling it so many ways. Let us resolve to do better in our care for animals, in what we buy and eat.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Today it is fifty years since the assassination of Martin Luther King. We pray for reconciliation and peace between the peoples of the world in all the countries we read and grieve about daily. Especially today in the United States of America.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Help us O God to take our part in the reduction of the pollution of the earth: the plastics in the seas, the poison in the air ...

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

We pray for all who are ill in our church

community; for all who are ill in our town; for all those doctors and nurses who look after us when we are ill. We pray for our National Health Service in these troubled times, especially for the surgeries that look after our health. We pray for wisdom in those politicians and managers whose duty it is to look after the Service.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

We pray for all scientists who work on research into those diseases whose names are all too familiar to us.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

We pray for the addicted and for the homeless, evident on our streets throughout the year. And for those who spend their nights in doorways.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

We pray for the clergy at St Margaret's; for David our vicar and for Keith and John our assistant ministers. And for Sarah, lay reader on training. Let the words of their mouths be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, their strength, and their redeemer.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

So often, like St Paul, we do those things that we ought not to do. We pray for God's forgiveness, that he will grant us the strength to do right.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

And so often, like St Paul, we don't do those things that we ought to do. We pray for God's forgiveness, that he will grant us the strength to do right.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

We give thanks for the music and musicians at St Margaret's, organists, choir and instrumentalists.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

On this day in Dublin in 1742, the premiere of Handel's *Messiah* took place. We give thanks for all Christian music, and for the scriptures that inspired it: 'I know that my Redeemer liveth...'

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

Let our prayer today be words from the book of Job that *Messiah* uses: I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

We pray for our own children, whether we are parents, or uncles and aunts, grandparents or godparents. We murmur those children's names now in our prayers. We pray for their health and happiness over this season.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

We pray for the students at St Margaret's School. We pray for their health and happiness over this new term, and for their progress in understanding.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

We pray for the addicted and for the homeless, evident on our streets throughout the year. And for those who spend their nights in doorways. Give us wisdom and kindness in our charity.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

We pray for the loners in our town, those men and women who walk up and down the streets with

no-one, it seems, beside them. Help us to understand them, and to be Christian in our dealings with them.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

We think of two gardens in the Bible, Eden and Gethsemane, and for what they teach us.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

We think of our gardens, and the gardens in the parks of our town and thank you for them. We pray for the park-keepers in their work.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

On her birthday, we pray for the Queen, that you will continue to guide her. We thank you for her Christian faith.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tomorrow is St George's Day; we pray for England, and for all who rule her; for our national safety; we pray that you will continue to be our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home. We pray for everyone who lives in England, wherever they may come from.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

On the day on which William Shakespeare was born (in 1564) and died (in 1616), we give thanks for his genius; the pleasure and understanding his work inspire in us. We give thanks for actors and directors.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

As May approaches, we thank God for the

recent buds relaxing and spreading all around us.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

We remember for all those in our families and our community who have died, and give thanks for lives and witness.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

May we remember that God raised Mary, a girl of 'low estate', and we give thanks for her; and we remember that he loves all those of low estate everywhere.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

We pray for all the schools in our town, especially for their teachers who feel harassed by innovations in the organisation of education.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

We pray for all who work in our town, especially those who work in jobs that might be considered of less prestige than others.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Help us to remember:

The kingdom of this world is become the

Kingdom of our Lord,

and of His Christ: and He shall reign for ever and ever.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

We pray that throughout June each of us may come the ending of every day unashamed and with a quiet mind.

# St Margaret's Prayer Diary

## April 2018

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