

Most of these prayers are based on the Psalms appointed for each day of the Church year. Please use them as a spring board for meditation and developing your own prayers.

Friday 1st April: **Ps 102** Lord, thank you for the gift of prayer. We know you hear us and are quick to answer us when we call.

Saturday 2nd April: **A prayer at bedtime.** Lord, it is night. We know we are still in your presence, and safe in your keeping.

Sunday 3rd April: **Ps 111** Lord, help us to honour you and obey your commands so that we become wise.

Monday 4th April: **Ps 121** Lord, who made heaven and earth, we thank you for the help which comes from you.

Tuesday 5th April: **Ps 35** How great are you O Lord. May we proclaim your righteousness and praise you all day long.

Wednesday 6th April: **Psalm 55** Lord, defend us as we leave our troubles with you.

Thursday 7 April: **Psalm 40** Lord, may we who are thankful for our salvation say how great you are.

Friday 8th April: **Ps 22** Father, we thank you that you do not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering. You answer when they call to you for help.

Saturday 9th April: **A prayer at bedtime.** Lord, it is night. May all we have done today be acceptable to you, but forgive any trespasses we may have committed.

Sunday 10th April: **Palm Sunday:**
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Monday 11th April: **Ps 41** Lord, you help those who are ill or in trouble. Please restore them to health and happiness.

Tuesday 12th April: **Ps 27** You Lord, are my light and my salvation. Hear me when I call to you. Be merciful and answer me.

Wednesday 13th April: **Ps 102** Dear Lord, help us to make known the great things you have done, so the coming generations will want to praise you.

Maunder Thursday 14th April: Lord God, we thank you for Jesus who through the washing of his disciple's feet, shows us how to be humble servants.

GOOD FRIDAY 15th April: Lord Jesus Christ, who through wood and nails have wrought our full salvation. Wield well your tools in the workshop of our hearts, so that we who come to you rough-hewn may be fashioned to a truer likeness of your beauty, for your own dear name's sake. Amen

Holy Saturday 16th April: **A prayer at bedtime.** Lord Jesus Christ, who at this evening hour rested in the sepulchre thereby sanctifying the grave to be a bed of hope for your people. Make us sorry for our sins which caused your passion, so when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with you for ever. Amen.

EASTER SUNDAY 17th April: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Thank you, Father. Alleluia.**

Monday 18th April: **Ps 146** I will praise you Lord as long as I live. My soul will sing to you all my life.

Tuesday 19th April: **Ps 112** Lord, we thank you for our families and friends. Bless them in all they do today.

Wednesday 20th April: **Ps 113** Lord, there are many ground down by poverty, and whose lives are a misery. Please lift them up out of all their distress and show us how we can help them.

Thursday 21st April: **Ps 148** Lord, all aspects of your creation praise you. We join our praises with theirs, to acknowledge your great Name.

Friday 22nd April: **Ps 115** To you alone, O Lord, we give glory because of your constant love and faithfulness. Thank you for remembering us and blessing us.

Saturday 23rd April: **A prayer at bedtime.** Lord, it is night. let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

Sunday 24th April: **Ps 136** You alone, O God, perform great miracles. Your love is eternal. Help us to receive that love for ourselves.

Monday 25th April: **Ps 37** Great God of truth and justice, we thank you that in your own good time all wrongs will be put right. Help us to believe this to be true, especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

Tuesday 26th April: Lord, on this **St. George's Day** we pray for our Queen and give thanks for her Christian witness. We pray also for our Prime Minister, members of the government and all in authority in these difficult days.

Wednesday 27th April: **Ps 30** Keep watch dear Lord with those who work, or watch or weep today. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, sooth the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and all for your love's sake.

Thursday 28th April: **Ps 28** We praise you Lord with joyful songs, because you hear our cry for help; you protect us and defend us and we trust you. Thank you for making us glad.

Friday 29th April: **Ps 57** Thank you Lord for your constant love and faithfulness which reaches to the heavens and is for all people.

Saturday 30th April: **A prayer at bedtime.** Lord, it is night. Night heralds the dawn. Help us to look expectantly to a new day, new joys and new possibilities. Father, we look forward to joining in worship and sacrament with your people in your house tomorrow.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL THOSE MAINTAINING THE MINISTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S DURING THE INTERREGNUM. PRAY TOO FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT PERSON TO BE OUR NEW VICAR.

St.Margaret's Church

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Prayer Diary

April 2022

A Prayer for David as he retires

Thank you, Lord, for vicar David's long pastoral ministry among us. Go with him into his retirement. May his plans come to fruition and may he continue to know the light of your love and presence in the days that lie ahead. Amen.