



FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

Thursday 1st – Saturday 10th

During Interfaith Harmony Week, we give thanks for positive and productive relationships between faith groups. Holy Spirit, give us patience, wisdom and understanding in our conversations and boldness to profess our faith in Jesus Christ, in all we say and do.

1. On Time to Talk Day, we pray for those who struggle to talk about their mental health. Help us to share and listen well, and to love one another and build one another up, may all discover the peace of Christ.
2. On the Feast of Candlemas, we remember the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, and the prophecies spoken over him as a child – that he would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel" (Luke 2:32). We thank God for the gift of his son Jesus, who is our salvation.
3. For the Holyford Mission Community, its priest Steve Martin, LLMs Sue McCoulough, Charles Hill, and for all who live and worship in Southleigh, Northleigh, Musbury, Colyton, and Branscombe.
4. On World Cancer Day, we give thanks for organisations researching new ways to prevent and treat cancer. We pray for all those living with cancer, their friends and families, and for all those who have lost loved ones to cancer, when all seems hopeless, may they find hope in you, Jesus.
5. During Sexual Abuse Awareness Week, we pray for all those who have suffered sexual abuse. We pray for healing and justice for victims, may their voices be heard and may they know your peace.
6. For the Honiton Mission Community, its clergy Sue Roberts, Tracey Voysey, LLM Julia Barrett, and for all who live and worship in Honiton with Monkton, Gittisham, Cotleigh, Combe Raleigh, Buckerell, and Awliscombe.
7. During Children's Mental Health Week, we pray for all children who feel anxious, alone or lost, particularly those in our families and communities. May they receive the care they need and know you are near, Lord.
8. For the Hukeley Mission Community, its priest Kevin Chandra, LLM Nick Francombe, and for all who live and worship in Petton, Morebath, Huntsham, Clayhanger, and Bampton.
9. For the Kingsbridge Estuary Churches Mission Community, LLM Amanda Sarjeant, and for all who live and worship in West Alvington, Kingsbridge, and Dodbrooke.
10. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for chaplaincies at schools and universities, and particularly for students preparing for confirmation and undertaking trips to Taize. We also pray for parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Bretteville-sur-Laize.

Sunday 11th – Saturday 17th

During National Marriage week, we pray for marriages and give thanks for the gift of marriage, particularly as we remember St Valentine, who was martyred for marrying Christian couples. On the 'day of love' may we focus on the one who is love: 'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.' (1 John 4:7)

11. In our link with Melanesia, We pray for the new Bishop of Banks & Torres Diocese Rev'd Anthony Ling as he is consecrated today as the 4th bishop of this diocese in the Province of Melanesia, may God bless him in his ministry.

12. For the Kingsteignton Mission Community, its clergy Mark Smith, Sandra Gill, and for all who live and worship in Kingsteignton with Teigngrace.

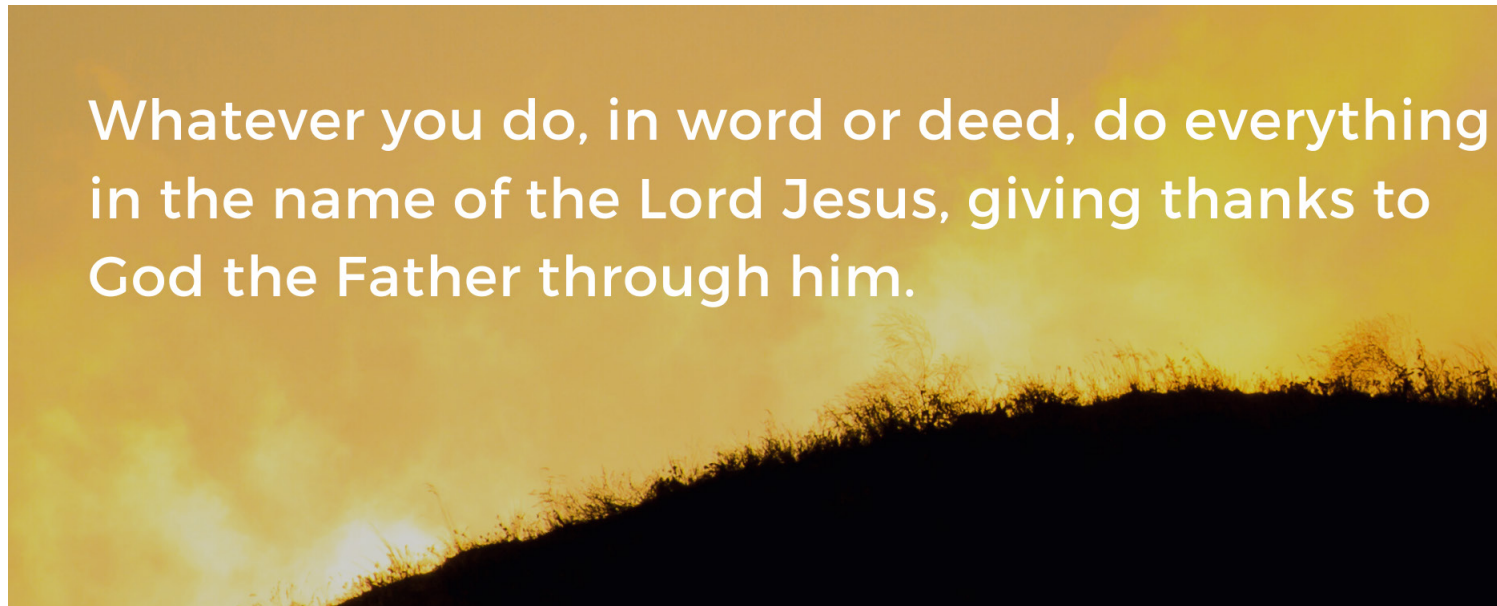
13. On Shrove Tuesday, we give thanks for your provision to us Lord, and ask that you would help us reflect your generosity and share with those who are hungry and in need. Freely we have received, so let us freely give. (Matthew 10:8)

14. On Ash Wednesday, we remember that God made us from dust and to dust we shall return, may the cross that many will mark on their foreheads today remind us of our need for salvation, and the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ. 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins' (1 John 1:9)

15. For the Little Dart Team Mission Community, its clergy Tony Rockey, Adrian Wells, Christine Chandler, LLM Elaine Cook, and for all who live and worship in Witheridge with Creacombe and Romansleigh, West Worlington, Wembworthy with Eggesford, Thelbridge, Meshaw, East Worlington, Chulmleigh, Cheldon, Chawleigh, and Burrington.

16. On Care Day 2024, we give thanks for those who provide safety and support to children in care. We pray that all children would know they are loved by their Father in heaven.

17. For the Littleham cum Exmouth with Lypstone Mission Community, its clergy Steve Jones, Benedict Cambridge, Jonathan Reynolds, LLMs Diana West, Demelza Henderson, and for all who live and worship in Lypstone, and Littleham Cum Exmouth.



Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Sunday 18th – Saturday 24th

As we journey through Lent, we remember Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, where he 'faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin' (Hebrews 4:15). May we model ourselves on Christ, drawing near to Him, refocusing on Him, during Lent and beyond.

18. For the Malborough Mission Community, its priest French, LLM Debbie Plummer, and for all who live and worship in Malborough, Salcombe and South Huish.

19. For the Modbury Mission Community, its clergy Matt Rowland, Oli Long, LLMs Joyce Howitt, Gilbert Snook, and for all who live and worship in Ringmore, Modbury, Kingston, Bigbury, and Aveton Gifford.

20. On the World Day of Social Justice, we pray for wisdom and revelation in the hearts of world leaders, that they would have compassion for the oppressed and vulnerable. Give us perseverance to seek justice, 'for the LORD is a God of justice'. (Isaiah 30:18)

21. For the Netherexe Parishes Mission Community, its clergy Tim Collins, Julia Dallen, LLMs Laura Ford, Simon Friend, and for all who live and worship in Upton Pyne, Thorverton, Stoke Canon with Huxham, Rewe with Nether Exe, Newton St Cyres, Cadbury, and Brampford Speke.

22. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, we give thanks for the work of the church across 8 countries in the Middle East. We pray the Holy Spirit would continue to work in and through them.

23. For the Newton Abbot Mission Community, its clergy Gareth Regan, Ben Maynard, LLMs Graham Whittle, Keith Butler, and for all who live and worship in Newton Abbot and Ogwell, and Milber.

24. For the 'Whole Church Worship' Mission Shed event taking place today. We give thanks for all the hard work going into organising this event and pray that all those who attend would be encouraged and equipped to serve in their churches and communities.



COLOSSIANS 3:17

Sunday 25th – Wednesday 29th

This week, we're praying for Children and Families workers across Devon, we give thanks for their service as they bless our communities. We pray that you would sustain them and renew their joy in this ministry as they support, counsel, and share Christ's love with children and families.

25. For the North Creedy (East) Mission Community, its priest Janet May, LLM Laura Armstrong, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy East, Washford Pyne, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Puddington, Poughill, Kennerleigh, and Cheriton Fitzpaine with Stockleigh English.

26. In our link with Thika, we pray for the Gatanga Archdeaconry, for Archdeacon Ven. David Murage, and for the clergy and people in the parishes of Giachuki, Kiairegi, Ndunyu Chege, Kiarutara, Thika Memorial and Kame.

27. For the North Kenn Team Mission Community, its priest Martin Wood, and for all who live and worship in Whitestone with Oldridge, Tedburn St Mary, Holcombe Burnell, and Cheriton Bishop.

28. As we mark the two-year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, we pray for an end to the conflict and lament all the lives that have been lost. We thank you that you are near to the broken-hearted, and we give thanks for the faithful work of the church in Ukraine. Please give us faith to pray for peace, and not lose heart.

29. For the North Tav Mission Community, its clergy Tim Solosy, Caroline Raby, LLM Ian Huggett, and for all who live and worship in West Down, Marwood, Heanton Punchardon, and Georgeham.

Reflecting on the words of Colossians 3:17, we pray:

Lord Jesus, thank you that you have made us new, and shown us a new way to live. Help us to walk in your ways and surrender our work, our study, our time, our relationships, our whole lives to you. May we live in light of who you are and what you have done for us.

Amen.