



Prayer Diary March 2024

“With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God”

Philippians 4:6 [CEV]

Fri 1 st	On this World Day of Prayer, let us pray for God to bless the gatherings that will be held in many places throughout the world, including here at BRBC this evening. Let us especially remember the women of Palestine who prepared the material for the meetings long ago without realising how timely the prayers would be for their own situation. The theme is ‘bear with one another in love’.
Sat 2 nd	Thank God for the regular attendees at Saturday Kitchen, and for the new families that have joined them. There is a lovely atmosphere in the hall as the children play together and the adults enjoy friendships. Please pray that they will know the presence and power of God for their daily lives.
Sun 3 rd	Pray for the group of young people who meet at the home of Marion Richardson every Sunday afternoon. Pray for them as they meet this afternoon – that they will be able to encourage one another and build relationships that will be a support to them in the future.
Mon 4 th	Give thanks for those who host Coffee, Cake and Company every week and pray that they will be encouraged by seeing how those who come benefit from it. Pray that all who come today will be blessed by the interaction they will have with each other.
Tue 5 th	Let us praise God with Cally that her health has greatly improved and that sufficient funding has been found to enable all 5 of the groups in the youth prison to continue this term. Pray that the boys will want to attend and leave their lives of crime. Pray for Victor, who has recently been released and wants to train as a barber.
Wed 6 th	Let us pray for those who are unwell, those undergoing treatment for various conditions and those recovering from surgery. Let us pray, too, for those who care for them. Let us also remember those, who are too frail to attend church and pray that they may know God’s love and comfort.
Thu 7 th	Praise God that a new development coordinator has joined the Horsham Churches Together team. Pray for the team as they plan activities in the Horsham area that will strengthen the relationships between churches and provide opportunities for more people to hear of God’s love for them.
Fri 8 th	Let us give thanks for the life of Margaret Bird and for all she contributed to BRBC over many years. Pray for her family and friends as they come together for a thanksgiving service today.
Sat 9 th	Whilst conflicts closer to home dominate the headlines, sadly there are many others going on in the world. Please pray for peace in Sudan. May it be lasting and lead to security for all the Sudanese people.
Sun 10 th	Give thanks for our deacons who are willing to give of their time and energy to serve us in various ways. Pray for strength and wisdom, especially as they are several short of a full complement. Pray for the meeting tomorrow evening, that God will guide in any decisions that will need to be made.
Mon 11 th	Pray for Liu Liu as he will be speaking at PMA this afternoon. Pray that his message will be an encouragement and a challenge to those who attend. Pray for God to continue to guide Liu Liu in his strategic job with Tearfund and give him the strength and wisdom that he needs.
Tue 12 th	Give thanks that Claire Bedford’s driving licence has at last been granted and that work is going on to improve the road leading to the hospital in Chad, where she works. Give thanks, too, for the provision of a 4x4 ambulance donated by the government health service. Pray for daily wisdom and strength for Claire to cope with her many responsibilities as part of the hospital management team.
Wed 13 th	Give thanks for the opportunities many have for praying with and supporting one another on a regular basis and pray that those who as yet have not found others to link up with will be able to do so soon. Pray for the Zoom prayer meeting this evening.
Thu 14 th	Let us pray for those who will attend Lunch Club today. Give thanks for those who will be cooking the meal, transporting guests and helping in other ways. Pray for God to encourage and challenge through the conversations that will go on around the tables and through the message that will be given.
Fri 15 th	Give thanks for those who have been attending the Alpha Course and pray that God will continue to work in their lives.

Sat 16 th	Let us pray today for the Horsham District Councillors – that they will be given wisdom to make decisions that will benefit our community. Pray that they will be able to relate well together and act with justice and integrity.
Sun 17 th	Give thanks for the team working with BRBK on most Sundays and pray for guidance as they plan the lessons and activities. Pray for the children who will attend today – that they will be attentive and learn lessons that will serve them well in the future.
Mon 18 th	Pray for the situation in Ukraine - for comfort, strength, and resilience for all the people, including those in exile, and for hope in place of despair.
Tue 19 th	Please pray for Libya. Since Gadaffi's fall Libya has become a country with very little political stability. Much of the country exists in a sort of perpetual anarchy, ruled over by militias, but a small number of Libyans have encountered Jesus and have chosen to follow Him. It could cost them everything. It's illegal to convert from Islam, and even more dangerous to tell other people about Jesus.
Wed 20 th	Give thanks for the many who have recently been baptised in the new Baptist churches in Bangladesh and pray that they will go on to develop as mature Christians. Pray for Peter and Louise Lynch as they work with the newly elected leaders of the Bangladesh Baptist Church. Pray that their visa renewal will go through without too much delay.
Thu 21 st	Praise God that our facilities are being used by a wide variety of different groups and pray that some who attend them will be encouraged to come to some of our church activities. Pray that there may be opportunities for some of us to build relationships with some of them.
Fri 22 nd	Give thanks for the many examples of care given to poor and disadvantaged people and communities in INF Nepal projects outlined in the annual report. Pray that staff, motivated by Christian faith, may continue to give help in ways relevant to today's world as they respond to health, education, social and climate issues.
Sat 23 rd	Let us pray for the leaders of countries in conflict, that God would give them the desire for peace and a concern for the welfare of their people.
Sun 24 th	Give thanks for those who work in various ways behind the scenes to enable our Sunday services to go ahead in a way honouring to God – for the AV team, the furniture movers, welcomers, cleaners, those who serve coffee/tea after the service, etc. Pray that they will feel appreciated for what they do.
Mon 25 th	Let us pray for the Royal Family at this time when the King is undergoing treatment for cancer. Pray for healing for him and also for a complete recovery for the Princess of Wales from her recent surgery. Give thanks that the King has been attending church services and pray that God will speak through the messages given.
Tue 26 th	Pray for those who can only join us irregularly for our Sunday services as their jobs require them to work on Sundays, in particular, those who work in care homes and have other roles in the NHS. Pray that they will find other ways to engage in worship and learn from God's word and that employers will be sympathetic to requests to have Sundays off occasionally.
Wed 27 th	Pray for guidance as discussions continue about how to develop our work amongst families and young people. Give thanks for the families that are coming to church regularly and pray that others will soon join them.
Thu 28 th	Pray today for families as they spend more time with their children over the Easter holidays. Pray that during the holidays our teachers and teachers' assistants will be able to rest and regain strength for the summer term.
Fri 29 th	On this Good Friday let us take time to meditate on what God has done for us through sending Christ to die for us, and to praise him for his incredible love for us. Ask God to use our Easter broadcast to remind listeners just what Easter means and how Simon's cross bearing situation on that first Easter can help us today. Also ask for God's and human help with daily and weekly broadcasts.
Sat 30 th	Give thanks for Turning Tides and for the facilities they have at Roffey Place, where those who have been homeless are being cared for. Pray that those currently at Roffey Place will be able to find longer term housing solutions soon and ways of making a living.
Sun 31 st	On this Easter Sunday let us praise God for the triumph of Christ's resurrection and for what it means to each one of us. Pray that our service this morning will be one of joyful praise and worship.